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## INDEX JUMPS

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. government's index of leading economic indicators — which is supposed to foretell future economic trends — increased one per cent in November, the strongest advance in five months, the commerce department said today.

It was the second consecutive monthly increase, following three straight declines that raised concern among economic advisers for both President Gerald Ford and President-elect Jimmy Carter.

The composite index of leading indicators measures 12 key sectors of the economy. Of the 10 indicators available for November, six increased and four declined.

The index stood at 127.5, compared to the 1967 base figure of 100. It was up one per cent in November and 0.6 per cent in October. The November increase was the largest since the index rose one per cent in June.

However, the U.S. dollar slumped to its lowest rates in 19 months on some European money markets today. National bank intervention in West Germany did little to help. Against the Canadian dollar, however, the U.S. dollar was up 1-25 to \$1.0152.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Fish Set Record

SEATTLE (AP) — United States commercial fish landings this year are expected to be 5.2 billion pounds and carry a record dockside value of more than \$1 billion, the commerce department announced Tuesday.

### Bombs End Peace

BELFAST (Reuters) — Bomb explosions and gunfire Tuesday marked the end of the Irish Republican Army's Christmas ceasefire in Northern Ireland.

### Colonel Killed

BUENOS AIRES (UPI) — Terrorist gunmen firing from a car assassinated army Col. Francisco Castellanos this morning as he was driving to work, military sources said.

### Boy Destroyed Inn

ANCHORAGE (AP) — An 8-year-old boy playing with matches in a hotel linen room set off a \$500,000 fire that destroyed the 41-unit inn, police say. The boy, who fled after trying to put out the fire, was not hurt.

### Violence Erupts

PEKING (Reuters) — Political unrest in the northern Chinese city of Paoing has erupted into armed conflict, including murder, rape and sabotage, reliable sources said today.

### Train Derailed

VERNON (CP) — Two engines and nine cars of a freight train were derailed early today on a Canadian National Railway line about 15 miles north of here. No injuries were reported.

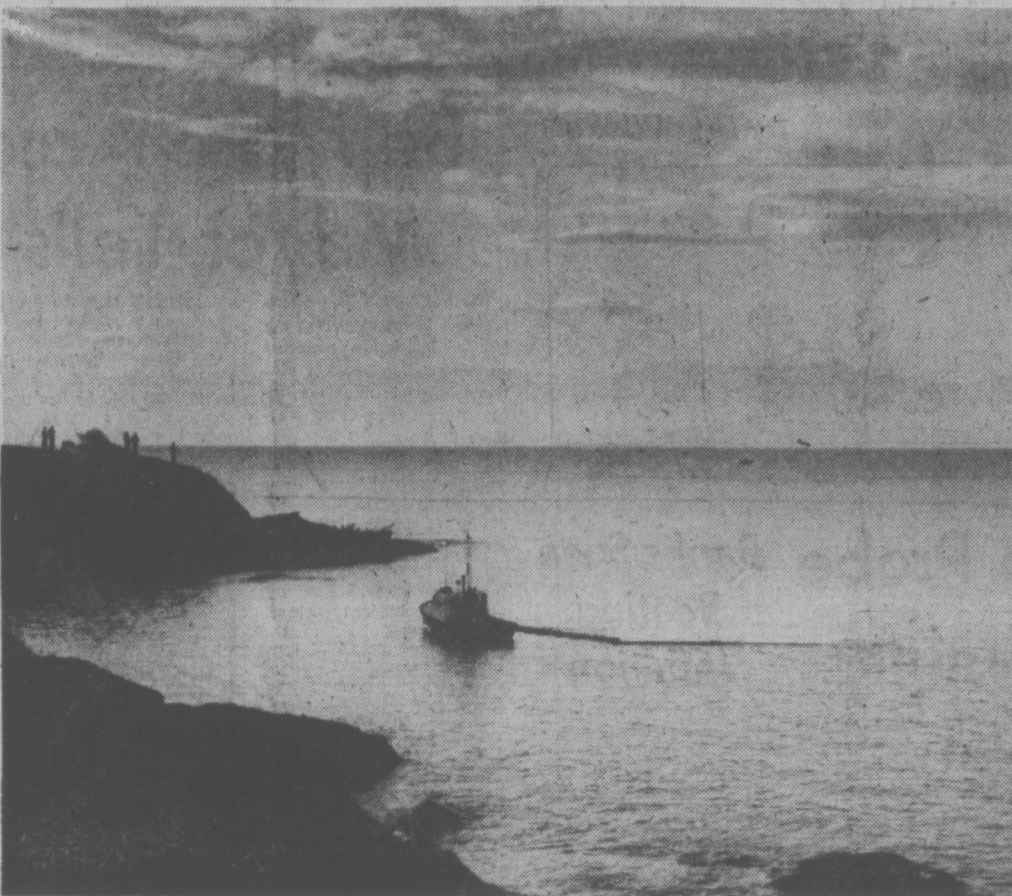
### N-Bomb Tested

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An underground nuclear test was conducted Tuesday at the Nevada test site, causing a slight sway in some tall hotels about 80 miles to the southwest.

### Murder Admitted

PARIS (Reuters) — A man has confessed to the murder of Prince Jean de Broglie, a former government minister who was shot in a Paris street Christmas eve, police sources said today. They did not name him.

## Sea...Sky...Serenity...



—Bill Halkett photo

Crisp sunshine drew cliff walkers to Dallas Road today for age-old pastime of watching what's going on in the water. Strollers could study log salvage

boat chug close to shore or peer at fishermen further out testing gear against salmon. All in all, a pleasant way to spend a day in December.

## Coffee Going Up Nickel a Cup And Don't Ask for Free Refill

### BABY BONUS JUMPS 8.2% IN JANUARY

OTTAWA (CP) — Family allowance payments during 1977 will rise by 8.2 per cent to \$23.89 a month from \$22.08 to reflect an increase in the cost of living, the health department announced today.

Announcement of the higher payment rates follows reinstatement of the cost-of-living allowance, which was suspended for one year during 1976 as an austerity measure by the federal government.

The higher rates are effective with the January payments. The rates are adjusted once a year and the same payment is made throughout the year.

The new \$23.89 monthly payment applies in most provinces and in the territories. The exceptions are Quebec and Alberta, where by provincial agreement the amounts of payments vary.

It won't be a happy new year for coffee drinkers — a nickel a cup hike is forecast along with an end to free refills.

The price of coffee beans is going up by 40 cents per pound at the wholesale level and about 45 cents retail — all before spring.

One company is boosting its wholesale price 40 cents on Jan. 2.

A world coffee shortage is blamed and the outlook is for worse to come. Brazil, the main producer, reports it will not be back in full production until 1978, after a summer frost in 1975 killed off many of its coffee trees.

Victoria Restaurant Association president Fred Oldfield says the new round of price increases will probably spell

the end of the free refill in this area.

"With the new price increases, no restaurant will be able to afford to give coffee away, except with the more expensive meals."

And, Oldfield said, customers can expect a nickel increase — at least.

"If a restaurant is charging 30 cents, it will go to 35. If it is already charging 35, it will go to 40. Those who are charging a dime for a refill will have to charge 15 cents."

"Some may start charging the full amount for refills."

Some coffee wholesalers are planning to increase the price in giant steps while others are phasing them in with nickel and dime jumps on a weekly basis.

No one can afford to hold the line.

"These increased prices are genuine," one wholesaler said. "The Anti-Inflation Board wouldn't let us increase our prices if we were not passing along increased costs."

Supermarkets are expecting a rush on tea and hot chocolate in the new year as customers try to avoid the soaring price of coffee.

Some supermarkets in the U.S. have already started a publicity campaign, urging their customers to buy other hot beverages in an effort to keep coffee prices from going through the roof.

The increasing demand for coffee is exacerbating the situation. If demand subsides, price increases would moderate.

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### WEATHER

Tonight: Cloudy  
Thursday: Cloudy

### WORDPLAY



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## Tanker Four Now Aground

SAN JUAN (UPI) — Another Liberian registered oil tanker — the fourth in two weeks — has run aground.

A U.S. Coast Guard spokesman said today the ship Dahine, which ran aground at the entrance to Guayanilla Bay on the south coast of Puerto Rico, has not spilled any oil.

It was carrying 47,160 tons of crude oil and 500 tons of bunker oil.

A spokesman for Puerto Rico's environmental quality board said the captain of the ship had been ordered not to dump any of his cargo in an effort to make the ship lighter and refloat it.

The spokesman described the order as a preventive measure to avoid a disaster similar to those in the Delaware River estuary and off Nantucket Island over the past few days.

Coast guard officials said today that although the 22-mile oil slick in the Delaware River south of Philadelphia was not as bad as first believed it posed a definite threat to wildlife and marshlands.

The oil was spilled Monday from the Liberian-registered tanker Olympic Games as it attempted to dock at a refinery in Marcus Hook, Pa. It was the third spill involving a Liberian-registered tanker in two weeks, and prompted U.S. environmental protection agency chief Russell Train to angrily call for tougher safety standards for tankers.

"The time has come for the U.S. to set more stringent standards with the number of foreign vessels coming into our water," Train said Tuesday shortly after arriving at the Delaware River spill site.

The spill will take a number of weeks to clean up because the light Arabian crude oil is more difficult to contain than the heavy industrial oil that spread off Nantucket Island, Mass., when the tanker Argo Merchant ran aground Dec. 15.

In New York, George Papadopoulos, captain of the Argo Merchant, told a hearing in U.S. district court the ship's radio direction finder, a short-range navigational aid, indicated the Nantucket light ship, marking the shallow waters of the shoal, was dead ahead.

He later learned the light ship was behind him.

"There had to be something wrong with the RDG or the way it was used," said Douglas Jacobsen, a lawyer for Continental Insurance Co., who was questioning Papadopoulos. Continental insured the oil.

"Yes," the skipper answered. "Which was it?" "I don't know," Papadopoulos said. "If I knew, the ship wouldn't have stranded."

## EMPLOYERS SPLIT

VANCOUVER (CP) — A dispute within the ranks of a Vancouver Island employers' association has led the B.C. Labor Relations Board to allow two members of the association to separate from the group.

In making the decision, the board noted Tuesday that the two, Alberni Engineering and Shipyard Ltd. and Duncan Iron Works, have conflicting interests with the Metal Industries Association (MIA) and that the bitterness between the parties would make

it difficult for them to work together.

It is the first time the board has been called on to consider the duty of an employer's organization to represent its members fairly.

The dispute began in 1974 when the two companies found themselves faced with the prospect of losing skilled tradesmen because the MIA wage rate was about a dollar less than the rate enjoyed by similar tradesmen who were members of the International Woodworkers of America and not employed by MIA companies.

Without MIA approval Alberni Engineering granted a \$1 an hour across the board increase to retain its employees.

The differences between the two parties hardened in the following years as the two companies continued to insist on paying higher rates against the objections of the other and smaller MIA members who felt they could not afford the higher rates. In making its decision the board said it has become obvious that the MIA's goal of a province-wide machinist rate cannot be achieved without jeopardizing the equally legitimate concern of the two companies have for maintaining parity with IWA tradesmen.

## WOMAN JOINS LIST OF HUNTED ESCAPERS

BURNABY (CP) — RCMP searching for five dangerous prisoners who escaped late Monday from the Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre (Oakalla) added another to their list of escapers Tuesday.

Jack Martin, principal officer at the Oakalla women's correctional centre adjacent to the larger men's prison, said Teresa Gloria Brewer, 19, walked away from the women's jail early in the afternoon.

Martin said Brewer, serving two years less a day for a robbery at Prince Rupert and for possession of an offensive weapon, was not considered dangerous.

He said Brewer was outside the cell area doing maintenance work under supervision on the prison grounds when she escaped.

Martin added Brewer had escaped from the jail once before.

When last seen, she was wearing a bright yellow rain jacket and blue jeans.

## S.A. Violence: 137 Are Dead

JOHANNESBURG (UPI) —

At least 137 persons have been killed in South Africa in incidents of violence during the Christmas holiday period, authorities reported today.

Scores of others were injured including nine wounded when a young policeman opened fire on a truckload of black farmworkers when the driver failed to stop at a roadblock.

A senior police spokesman said the policeman wanted to investigate a report that occupants of the truck had fired shots at a farm about 40 miles northeast of Johannesburg Christmas Day. When the truck did not stop he fired three shots at it, wounding eight women and a child.

Clashes between militant blacks and African migrant workers in Cape Town's black suburbs claimed at least 26 lives and left 106 injured, police said, adding that calm had returned to the area.

But the South African consulate general in New York said 30 persons died and 133 were seriously injured in the clashes.

The consulate said police found the mutilated bodies of blacks who had been stabbed to death by iron pegs and then had their heads split open by machetes. In one incident, a child was beaten to death against a wall, it said.

Police officials in Natal province, on South Africa's east coast, today said 19 bodies were recovered after armed warriors of rival Cele and Radebe tribal factions fought a weekend battle.

## The Land Of the Young...

Nepal is a country without a senior citizens problem.

Few of its 12,020,000 people live more than 41 years because of disease and starvation.

Giving birth is no joy to a mother faced with the realization that her baby may be one of 200 in every 1,000 that die each year — 20 per cent of all the newborn.

In a desperate effort to try and change this tragic trend, the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada assists the government of Nepal improve its medical services.

But there is never enough.

There are only 350 doctors in the country, one for every 34,285 persons. Paramedics are being trained but there are still only 500.

Recruitment is hampered because the literacy rate among women is five per cent. In some cases, because of the need, educational requirements are ignored if a woman shows enough intelligence and ability.

Again this year, the Victoria Times is supporting a drive to raise money for USC aid to Nepal and other troubled countries.

USC executive director Dr. Lotta Hirschmanova hopes Victorians will donate \$30,000 this year.

Contributions will be accepted at any branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. They can also be mailed care of the Victoria Times, P.O. Box 300, or handed in at the business office at 2621 Douglas Street.

Cheques should be made payable to the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada.

## Britain Takes a Year-End Holiday Snooze

Washington Post

LONDON — The main arteries — Piccadilly, The Strand and Park Lane — are deserted as if the plague had struck. Victoria Station is ghostly as the commuter rush hour knots of bewildered French tourists wander forlornly through the heart of town, looking vainly for the animation of a holiday on the continent.

Up in Birmingham, Clifford Derbyshire has been suspended

for 10 days. He wrote a letter complaining that productivity had slumped 75 per cent in his auto bumper plant. But he won't lose much of his \$122-a-week pay. His company has taken a rest for 10 days.

Britons everywhere are shugging off their economic woes with the longest mid-winter holiday snooze that anyone can remember. It began the Thursday before Christmas with office parties and won't really end until the Thursday after New Year's.

This has been described as a society that prefers leisure to goods, and never has that quality been so fulsomely demonstrated. Most Londoners have gone four days without mail or newspapers, apparently missing neither. Freezing weather has added to the mood. Britain was colder than Iceland today and snow, ice and freezing winds gripped the rest of Europe — snarling road, rail and air traffic.

Ice-covered roads and freezing

ing fog blanketed areas of London and the southeast.

Frozen switches and brakes delayed trains on main lines and a landslide in Essex, blamed on the weather, cut the track from Southend to Kings Cross.

There isn't very much in British output or income to celebrate. Most of the other richer Common Market countries, moreover, went back to work Tuesday and will not take more than the weekend off for New Year's. Britons,

however, like to relax, and the calendar has collaborated with national appetite.

Over the holidays, Britons normally expect to take four weekdays off — Christmas and Boxing Day, New Year's Day and a bank holiday the day after that. But this year, the holidays fell on a weekend and threatened to deprive the country of its customary siestas.

The problem was solved for many by taking off the whole week — plus a few days be-

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## Boozy Birds Plague Swedish Drivers

**Manchester Guardian**  
STOCKHOLM — Motorists in southern Sweden, already coping with icy roads resulting from record low temperatures and heavy snowfalls in one of the coldest winters in decades, have had an extra burden thrust upon them — drunken birds.

Hundreds of waxtails, a brownish colored starling-sized bird, have been seen acting in what is normally described in the courtroom as a "drunk and disorderly fashion."

Eyewitnesses report the birds are flying in an erratic manner, diving straight at windscreens, sitting in the middle of the road and cluttering up the pavements. Other observers said it was clear the waxtails are finding their usually good head for heights seriously impaired.

According to local ornithologists, the waxtails, which nest in northern Sweden during the summer but fly south during the winter, have obviously fallen victim to the usual seasonal sin of over-indulgence.

In the waxtails' case, their favorite food is rowenberries, which just happen to be in abundance this year although they are now in the process of fermenting.

"The wax tail is usually a shy bird during the late spring mating season but undergoes a Jekyll and Hyde transformation in the winter migrations, becoming extremely sociable," said one local bird watcher. "And when they suddenly come across a good crop of berries,

particularly rowenberries, they'll not leave until they've finished the lot."

Local authorities have not said what action, if any, is planned against the inebriated waxtails. Sweden, a country in which alcohol consumption is frowned upon and actively discouraged by the authorities, has harsh anti-drinking-and-driving laws. It is not clear, however, how they might be applicable to boozy birds using the king's highways.

## Portugal Austerity Bill Passes

LISBON (AP) — Portugal's minority Socialist government won its toughest parliamentary battle today, pushing through an austerity program aimed at restoring economic discipline in Western Europe's poorest country and newest democracy.

"If you don't approve the plan and budget, the government will lack the ability to govern," Premier Mario Soares told the National Assembly before the vote. "We shall be morally and politically obliged to resign. You will put the country in even a worse situation than now."

Hundreds of Portuguese stood in chilly weather outside the assembly building to hear the votes announced—101 to 3 in favor of a \$4.9-billion budget for 1977 and 101 to 69 for an economic-development plan designed to stimulate investment and reduce consumption.

Soares's moderate Socialists provided the favorable votes on both bills. The main opposition party, the Social Democrats, opposed the development plan. Communist and right-wing Social Democratic Centre (CDS) deputies abstained on both votes.

Although the Socialists hold only 41 per cent of the assembly's 263 seats, the opposition parties are badly split between the left and right.

## Art Theft Not-Guilty Plea Made

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Two Netherlands residents pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges of receiving and concealing \$200,000 worth of paintings stolen from a Dutch art collector.

Peter Johannes Pombouts, 45, and Augustinus Petrus Maria Kouwenhoven, 34, entered their pleas at arraignment before U.S. district court judge Warren J. Ferguson.

The FBI arrested them last week and said it recovered seven paintings which the defendants allegedly tried to sell to an undercover agent.

The paintings were said to have been stolen in a burglary in the Netherlands last Aug. 19.

A Rembrandt valued at about \$100,000 and some jewelry and silver were stolen but have not been recovered, authorities said.

## ARMS ACCORD BREZHNEV HOPE

BOSTON (UPI) — Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev said he hopes his country and the United States can agree next year to limit the arms race.

"We would like very much to see the year of 1977 become a real turning point in ending the arms race," Brezhnev said.

The remarks by the Soviet Communist party chairman were published in the Boston Herald American today. The copyrighted story was based on questions submitted through the Soviet ambassador in Washington and answers received through the embassy.

"We are in favor of the

earliest possible completion of the work on a Soviet-American strategic arms limitation agreement on the basis of the understanding reached in Vladivostok in 1974," Brezhnev said.

"The solution of this task is most directly connected with the main goal of our time — to prevent a nuclear war, while delaying the agreement, while the development of even more horrible types and systems of weapons continues, is fraught with new threats to peace, international stability and peace."

Brezhnev said it appears U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter shares his sentiments.

## Carter Plans Conflicting

By MORTON MINTZ  
Washington Post

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. — U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter met for 5½ hours Tuesday with his top appointees, and left a trail of conflicting signals on directions his administration will take.

Carter outlined—and an aide later repudiated—an expanded role for Vice President-elect Walter Mondale that would have made him the chief of staff in the White House. Also, two of Carter's cabinet nominees appeared to back off Carter's campaign promises on defense spending and welfare reform, but their statements later were said by the aide not to represent changes.

Carter opened Tuesday's meeting with his cabinet-nominees by saying of Mondale, "He's my chief staff person. He'll be in the White House with me... I've informed all the White House staff personally that he is their boss."

But at an hour-long press briefing later, Carter's press secretary, Jody Powell, said that the statement that Mondale would be "their boss" had generated "understandable confusion." Mondale "will not be the chief of staff," he said.

"Generally, it would be correct to say Mondale will be involved in the broad range of responsibilities that a president has," Powell said.

The vice-president-elect will function "almost as a co-equal" in many areas, Powell said. He emphasized the intention, stated by Carter Tuesday morning, to try to meld the presidential and vice-presidential staffs "as much as possible."

Carter told his appointees that he wants their policies to be "compatible with the commitments that I made to the American people... because my word of honor is at stake."

No more than a half-hour before the meeting began, two prospective Cabinet members had exchanges with reporters which suggested that Carter's commitments in the areas of defense spending and basic welfare reform have at least temporarily generated a degree of confusion.

The exchanges occurred during impromptu questioning Tuesday morning of Harold Brown and Joseph A. Califano Jr., the incoming secretaries of defense and of health, education, and welfare, respectively.

Brown, replying to a question, said, "I don't think that we look for absolute reduction of \$5 to \$7 billion from this year's budget to next year's budget, for example. I'm quite sure Gov. Carter never said that, and that that was

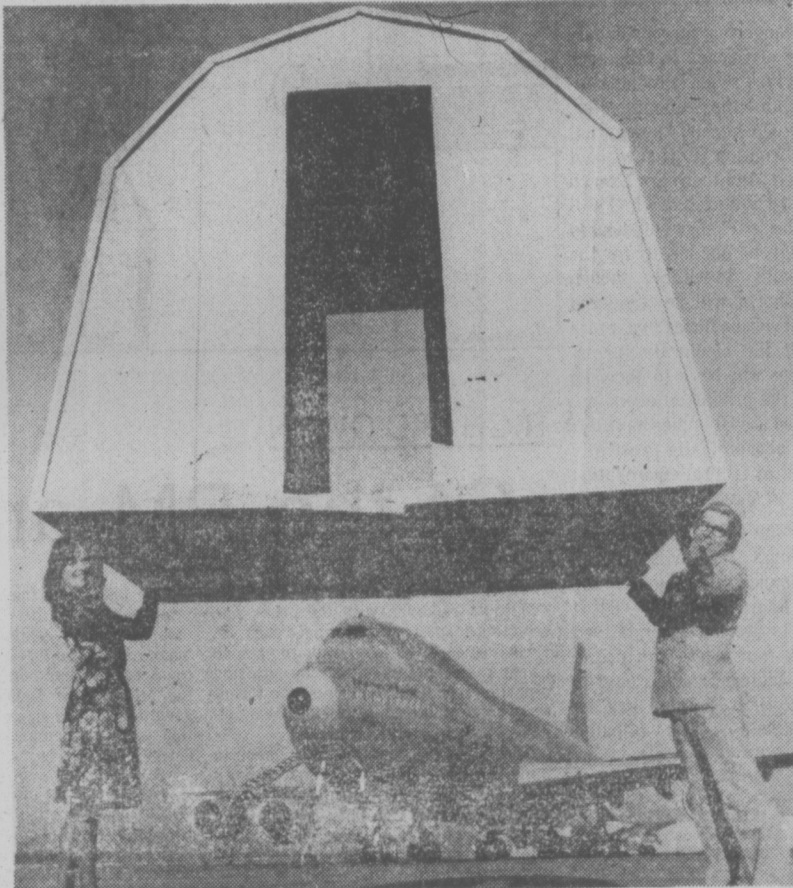
never his intended meaning." In a Plains news conference a week ago, Carter said that he "will be very disappointed at the performance" of Brown if he doesn't cut the defense budget by \$5 to \$7 billion. "We'll start immediately with efficiencies and economies," he said.

In the area of welfare reform, Califano told reporters that his first priorities will be to eliminate "fraud" and "rip-offs" in existing HEW programs, especially Medicaid and Medicare, and to improve the efficiency of the department's programs.

Structural reform of welfare "may have to await economic growth," Califano said. Asked when programs for reform may be advanced, he said, "It may be that the realities of substantial welfare reform are related to a better economy."

Generally, Carter has put an emphasis on an immediate need for welfare reform. "I intend to be ready to go with that at the first of the year," he said last June.

Tuesday evening, Powell, in discussing a tentative calendar for the incoming administration for the next three months, said that Carter has made it clear that he will want to start before he is inaugurated on plans for welfare reform, among other things.



**GOING UP:** This cardboard emergency shelter which can be built in 20 minutes costs \$50 and houses up to five people. It is sponsored by Vancouver-based Food for the Hungry organization for air shipment to disaster areas overseas. Displaying lightweight feature of house are Susan Van De Braak, a CP Air employee, and Ronald Allen, executive-director of Food for the Hungry.

## S. Korea Backs Down on Bugging

By JOHN SAAR  
Washington Post

SEOUL — The South Korean government, in an unexpectedly conciliatory statement, said Tuesday it has accepted private U.S. assurances that the United States did not use electronic surveillance in the official residence of President Park Chung Hee.

The government statement ended a two-month news blackout in South Korea on the series of problems that have arisen between Seoul and Washington, its chief economic and military ally. It also detailed South Korea's efforts to gain access to one of its intelligence officers who has requested asylum in the United States.

The statement dealt less directly with allegations that Korean businessman Tongsun Park masterminded, on behalf of President Park, a mul-

timillion-dollar scheme to buy the support of U.S. congressmen. The statement, which generally presented a highly selective account to the Korean public, referred to the influence-buying allegations simply as "a case involving Tongsun Park."

Foreign Minister Park Ton Jin, who issued the statement, said the government had decided to document its "efforts to amicably settle the problems" between the two countries because it felt that "prolongation of the situation would not serve the long-term common interests" of either side.

The conciliatory tone and the acceptance of imprecise private U.S. assurances marks a substantial retreat for South Korea from a Dec. 9 statement in which the Koreans demanded an official public denial by Washington of allegations that the United States may have bugged the presidential palace.

Reports in October of intelligence reports — apparently including tape recordings of meetings inside the Korean presidential mansion — formed the basis of allegations that President Park personally ordered the bribery of U.S. congressmen.

The statement released Tuesday said that the South Korean government has concluded that the Blue House presidential mansion was not bugged by U.S. intelligence agencies.

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## Poisoning Counts Stick

DETROIT (AP) — A federal judge refused on Tuesday to dismiss 10 poisoning counts against two Filipino nurses accused of murdering five Veterans Administration hospital patients last year.

Presiding Judge Philip Pratt set aside the motion from defense lawyers and asked them and government prosecutors for additional legal briefs on the case.

The poisoning counts, brought under state law, were in a federal indictment returned last June against Filipina Narciso, 30, and Leonora Perez, 32.

The two women also are charged under federal law with one count of conspiracy and five counts each of murder at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., between July 1 and Aug. 15, 1975. During that period, there were 51 mysterious cases of patient respiratory arrests and at least six deaths.

Defense lawyers contended the state poisoning charges cannot be tried in federal court because the nurses' alleged criminal acts are covered by federal assault statutes.

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## The Strange Campaign

A curious sense of resignation emanates from Canada's greatest political antagonists, Pierre Trudeau and Rene Levesque. The prime minister says he would "silently go away" if an independence referendum was successful in Quebec. Levesque claims he would resign if the separatist vote failed and hand the reins of power to another man, who would hold another referendum. Some of this fatalism can be chalked up to the inevitable posturing of two diametrically opposed leaders playing for the highest stakes since Confederation. But Trudeau's allusions to civil war, led by some unidentified people in the case of Quebec succession, underline the deadly seriousness of this war of words which is only beginning.

The prime minister is doubtless correct when he says Ottawa would "clobber" the Parti Quebecois at any referendum, so badly the party would have to renege on its separatist commitment. At the same time, Trudeau, and the rest of the country, know that Levesque will either couch the language of the referendum in such vague terms as to make the result ambiguous or wait until there is a chance it might pass. What is unfolding here is the greatest political campaign in Canadian history, a campaign without an election, but a campaign that

might nevertheless destroy a government.

Among all the prime minister's holiday statements, his warning that it is up to the rest of Canada, English Canada, to ensure Quebec remains within the family seems well put. After the initial shock of the Quebec election the country has rumbled along in its usual phlegmatic manner. If the utterances of Rene Levesque are still front page news, Canada's attention is focussed more on the ailing economy and unemployment than on the spectre of separatism. But in Quebec the euphoria following the election of a reform-minded government remains. The Parti Quebecois stirs nationalistic pride in a province where the Anglo-Saxons were always the bosses to past generations, where for the French a second language was mandatory to earn a decent living in the cities.

In the wake of Levesque's victory any slight to French-speaking Canadians in English Canada, no matter the credibility of the instance, will be used as a political instrument by the Parti Quebecois. When a minister of the crown, such as British Columbia's Bill Vander Zalm, makes intemperate remarks about barring Quebec welfare recipients it becomes front page news in French dailies. One

bigoted statement could provide the separatists with thousands of votes. This kind of response from English Canada simply reinforces Parti Quebecois propaganda.

But it is dangerous for this debate on the future of Canada to take such an emotional tack so early in the campaign. We assume the prime minister, who is also a Quebecois, knows what he is doing. Emotion is often without reason, though. And there are French and English-Canadians who will thrive on the exchange of heated words that will be our legacy for the next few years. Inevitably though Quebec's euphoria will be tempered by logic. If Levesque hopes to capture the minds of the electorate for independence he will have to show he can manage the provincial economy. James Bay and the Olympics have left the province economically prostrate. Fifty per cent of federal equalization payments go to Quebec.

Averaging the Canadian economic outlook through the eyes of the Economic Council of Canada, the Conference Board and the OECD future portents are uncertain. Given these gloomy harbingers the prime minister and English Canada would do well to keep their powder dry as Quebec sorts itself out. The campaign is only beginning.



RICHARD GWYN

## Of the PM and the Press

OTTAWA — About Prime Minister Trudeau's relations with the press, one good thing can be said. He is not a suck. He doesn't stoop, as do so many politicians, to conquer the press, either by praising reporters for this or that article, or, the ultimate ego massage, by asking their opinions about matters of state.

Not much else that's positive comes to mind. Whether the fault is his or ours (let's be wishy-washy and say that both sides are at fault) Trudeau has managed to transform his relations with the press into a small but significant political issue.

Go back to the first minister's conference. To protest the encounter between the premiers and prime minister being held behind closed doors, three senior Ottawa press gallery reporters refused to leave the room. The first ministers picked up their documents and their dignity and retreated to a stuffy, fifth-floor attic in the conference centre.

For the press, the incident has become our equivalent to Wounded Knee. We lost, but we won.

### Lost But Won

At the time, almost all Ottawa reporters, myself among them, criticized our colleagues. We believed the conference should be open; we did not believe the press should intervene directly in the political process.

The public has jumped ahead of us. Southern News Service columnist Charles Lynch, who led the demonstration, has received 40 letters on the subject, all but one praised his behavior. The same mood is plain in newspaper letters to the editor. Lynch has become a media celebrity, a phenomenon virtually unknown in Ottawa though common in Washington where aspiring hostesses send their dinner invitations to a Bob Woodward, a Carl Bernstein, a Barbara Walters, a Sally Quinn, a Ben Bradlee or a Hunter Thompson and only then set out to recruit a cabinet minister or a presidential aide.

One joke going the rounds is that the press gallery will be renamed the Lynch mob. When the gentleman usher of the black rod banged three times on the Commons door to summon, one day recently, the MPs to the Senate to witness the governor-general signing items of legislation, as ritual demands, one MP shouted out: "That's Lynch."

The proprieties of Lynch's demonstration no longer matter. Public attention has focussed instead on the real issue. Federal-provincial conferences have become a form of government more important than either parliament or the provincial legislatures. Energy policy, taxation policy, the character of our systems of hospital insurance, medicare and higher education, are decided at these meetings. All the public learns is what those taking part decide they want the public to learn.

The system amounts to information patronage. Those in power hoard, or share it, as they choose. At the conference, for example, the premiers agreed unanimously to open the last phase of the meeting when the topic was the state of the economy. Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed forgot to say this in his opening statement. Back in the fifth floor room, Lougheed advised Trudeau of the premiers' wish. Trudeau by now was so testy that he told the premiers there was no way he was going to be seen to be bowing to the press. So the entire conference stayed closed.

Sheer silliness. First-ministers' conferences are too important to be left to the first ministers.

To fire, for a change on my own sides, the press is being as silly in its criticism of Trudeau's decision to replace the daily "scrum" of reporters, mostly from radio and television stations, with a weekly press conference. Squeezed into 30-second clips, these corridor exchanges exist not to

inform or enlighten but to entertain — banalities bracketed between "beep-beeps."

Formal press conferences aren't news management as such — unless you count Trudeau's decision to use as a prop for all these occasions a large Maple Leaf flag.

The problem rather is that the format is too stiff: instead of jumping in with followup questions, reporters are recognized in turn. Subjects get dropped and switched. Promising leads are ignored because the next reporter up doesn't want to blow his or her opportunity by asking someone else's question.

Maybe the familiarity of weekly press conferences will breed flexibility. If this happens we could get the best of both worlds — the personality abrasions of the "scrum" which, however undignified and all the rest of it, do provide insights into Trudeau's character, and bits and pieces of the heavier, what-does-it-all-mean stuff.

### Should Be Open

The hang-up that remains is that Ottawa reporters don't trust Trudeau, nor does he trust us. There's too much conceit, on both sides, for this ever to change. Anyway, "creative tension," to use Ontario Premier Bill Davis's phrase, has its uses.

There is one way in which trust, even if grudgingly so, might be achieved. Last summer the cabinet debated a draft freedom of information act and decided instead to publish a "position paper." The document has been written; it hasn't been published. Nor should it be.

Open government is an idea so obvious that to debate it further is idiotic. As idiotic as to suppose that even if all federal-provincial conferences were open the leaders still would not retreat to a small room to negotiate their final deals. Which is exactly what they did last week, to get away from their officials even though the conference itself was closed.

## Think Before You Speak

We know he's attempting to perform a public service of sorts, to alert the citizenry of British Columbia, but year-end warnings of the type delivered by the president of the B.C. Employers Council the other day would be better unsaid.

William Hamilton said a disastrous year looms in industrial relations, since contracts covering more than 300,000 workers — most of the unionized work force in the province — come up for renewal in 1977. They include the International Woodworkers of America, pulp workers, provincial government employees, B.C. Tel employees, the construction industry and others.

B.C.'s record in days lost through strikes and lockouts helped mightily to push this country into first place among nations of the world in that category, a dubious enough record. But there comes a time when warnings such as Hamilton's come to be self-fulfilling.

As an individual of considerable stature in the provincial scheme of things, Hamilton should exercise a little more discretion. It will be hard enough for the province's limping economy to make it through the year without too much extra damage.

Predictions of disaster before we've passed even day one of 1977 are rash and foolish. They are a sign of a confrontation mentality that all too long has dominated the labor-management scene in B.C. Of course, based on past performance and the track conditions today (strict anti-inflation controls, provincial austerity measures likely to continue) a gambling man would have to demand pretty long odds on a wager that there won't be a construction shutdown next summer, a forest industry closure, a supermarket strike-lockout.

But Hamilton's warning of imminent doom does ignore some hopeful signs that things have changed and are continuing to change. For exam-

ple, the fact that the B.C. Government Employees Union has a record of responsibility and a levelheaded leadership that strives to avoid strikes. Likewise the IWA, where the top men have recognized that strikes are, in some circumstances, futile and counter-productive. The feuding construction unions have at long last gotten together to form a joint council. A very large minority of unions in the B.C. Federation of Labor are fed up with Len Guy's total war methods.

One needn't be Pollyanna to recognize these developments for what they are — evidence that the industrial relations climate is thawing. Thanks are due the past and present labor ministers, the provincial Labor Relations Board and a goodly number of labor leaders and business executives. The facts are there for anyone to see. Hamilton might do better if he quietly analyzed them instead of issuing apocalyptic bulletins every month.

### Prefer Pantry

It is a pretty kettle of fish when Christians find themselves in a crisis created about women as priests. This lib business is out of control when its leaders try to command spiritual supremacy in the sacred rites.

My personal view as a layman is that women are welcomed now as they always have been, in furthering the gospel by whatever religion to which they happen to belong.

Many men have devoted their lives to unity in the church, my father and Lord Halifax among them, and we are now overjoyed at the prospect that the fruits of the work of the archbishop of Canterbury and the late Pope John XXIII together, are coming to fruition in the many meetings of the ecumenical councils.

These well-intentioned ecclesiastical females should therefore pause and pursue their particular role on earth. It is strange that they are striving to establish themselves alongside men as though they feel that they have in the past appeared to be inferior, when in fact, by their natural gifts they have always stood preeminently ahead of men by the inheritance they get from the mother of God. I have no permission from my bishop or parish priest to express my view, so I would ask the good ladies to spare me the rack and rod in taking this risky course in the hope that they will come to their senses and prefer the pantry to the priesthood, leaving the sacraments to Christ's chosen. — Clarence Goode, Oblate of the Order of St. Benedict, 1840 St. Ann Street.

### Squandering Money

The excerpt from the Globe and Mail appearing in your issue of Dec. 15 under the heading "Neutered" appeared so fantastic that this letter was delayed pending verification that the "Manual of sex-free occupational titles" is genuine and not the off-season April Fool's gag of some fun-loving journalist.

It calls for the strongest protest that

## letters



### Gruesome?

The Christmas season, a time of "love thy neighbor" and we are

treated via the comic strip Wizard of Id to a scene of brutalizing torture, all in the name of humor.

Were the scene slightly risqué, protests would be raised from all quarters denouncing the cartoon as contributing to our moral decline etc., however no one has yet raised their voice against this the most dehumanizing and nauseating cartoon.

Am I the only one who decries these twisted values? Are there no other parents who would join me in protesting the inclusion of this gruesome cartoon in the so-called funny papers? — Catherine Rasmusen, West Saanich Road.

the department of manpower can squander public money by hiring a joker (at \$30,000 per annum?), or an even more costly computer, to think up such tripe, quite apart from the cost of production and distribution.

Had the minister, instead of pandering to the demands of a lunatic fringe, taken a course in basic English, he would have learned (from the OED) that the first meaning of the word man is human being, and that the definition adult male comes a poor fourth. Accordingly, it is quite in order to designate a female as chairman, dustman or even superman.

While nowadays no reasonable person disputes the claim of male and female persons to equality of civil and economic rights, the truism that equal does not mean identical seems to be ignored. In the vast majority of cases, there are fundamental temperamental and physical differences between men and women, rendering them more, or less, able to adapt to different occupations and situations. If this be discrimination, so be it, but should we

heaven forbid! Scientists ever succeed in eliminating the differences, temperamental and physical, between male and female, this world would be a drabber, sadder place for both men and women. — N. T. Porter, 5-550 St. Charles Street.

### Flat Earth Editor

The Times editor's objection to the secret federal-provincial conference meetings was fine as far as it went (Behind Closed Doors, Dec. 14). But as usual, he looked at mere effects and substituted reality with mythology. He decried the "historical Canadian attitude to imagined authority." Imagined, when so much government activity is secret?

As a society divided between haves and have-nots, with varying degrees of unnatural and deprived conditions for the propertyless majority and a coercive state backed with armed forces plus many citizens in jails, one would have to have the imagination of the editor to see the

current condition being without authority.

He persistently uses expressions like "We elected these people. They are servants of the electorate, and as such they must conduct our business in the face of our scrutiny." He seems to agree with a principle not new in the game of class suzerainty — tell a big enough one, tell it often enough and people will believe it.

For instance, the same Times editorial objection to government secrecy and the same religious affirmation of current classlessness was voiced in other editorials. But the business of Canada, both public and secret, as in all countries, continues as the business of profit-making for the few at the expense of the many.

Governments are the state servants of the dominant class and if the indomitable editor of the Times really believes otherwise, he ought to be informed that the British Flat Earth Society always welcomes new members. — J. G. Jenkins, 959 Darwin Avenue.

### No Competition

As an active member of one of Victoria's established and respected charitable organizations engaged, among many things, in fund raising on an annual basis, I am fully aware of the need for such activities to ensure the continuance of many worthwhile programs that stem from these organizations.

Despite the economic pressures of the past few years, the general public, on whom we depend for contributions, have continued to give generously to their favorite charities and our organization is extremely grateful.

This makes all the hard work, frustrations, doubts and fears related to pre-campaign preparation so worthwhile whether or not you reach your target. One must never forget that charitable giving is exactly that based on what one can afford

to give regardless of goals that a group may arbitrarily set for themselves.

Any organization such as that to which I give my services must stand on its own merit, rise or fall on public acceptance of the services and programs it offers, including its personal attitude to survival. Once an organization loses sight of its charitable status and begins telling the public how much to give, i.e. 10%, one day's pay, then it becomes a business and to many people, somewhat objectionable.

I am, extremely resentful of recent news items intimating that Greater Victoria residents are "giving" at a lesser level than other areas of B.C. or Canada. Maybe they are, maybe not, but what are we running here, a competition?

No, I am not apathetic, just a little indignant about some of the attitudes and opinions voiced when any given group experiences a so-called short fall in what they anticipated. Certainly the need will always be there to raise additional funds, campaigns will continue to be conducted, and hopefully, the public will continue to give generously.

Let us not replace need with greed nor lose sight of the original intent or purpose of charitable programs or giving. Large sums of money are contributed each year to many charities, bringing numerous benefits to the needy and suffering, for which we are all thankful.

The degree of success or satisfaction one experiences from any campaign is more likely to be based on that organization's — Modus Operandi.

### Quick Thinking

Two years ago Oct. 28 I was involved in a very serious car accident on the Island Highway. I have been unable to locate Ken McLaughlin, Orillia Street, and Bob Hamilton, West Saanich Road, both of Victoria.

I believe that the quick thinking of these men in removing myself from the wrecked car helped in saving my life.

To these gentlemen a very merry Christmas and best wishes in the new year. — Bob Hewson, c/o P.O. Box 281, Port Alberni.

### Chargex Costs

Your Dec. 15 page one story which quotes MP Sinclair Stevens as saying Chargex card users are paying 50 per cent interest is highly inaccurate, and Mr. Stevens should know better.

It is impossible to equate the average four per cent per transaction merchant cost in card use to a four per cent increase to the buyer. Credit costs are only a small part of the general cost a merchant incurs in operation; and many other factors, including overhead, inventory turnover, margin on sales, type of goods sold, and proportion of cash to credit sales will influence whether or not prices need to be increased to cover the cost of extending credit by bank credit cards.

Secondly, there are a number of arguments which suggest bank card sales decrease a merchant's cost of operating and increase sales profits. For many small merchants, credit card sales have supplanted sales by cheques — cheques which often meant a loss on sales of one to two per cent when they were dishonored. Bank cards take away the merchant's need to maintain his own credit billing system, which included costs of invoicing, mailing, account keeping, and often, bank funds to float the credit the merchant extended. Also, accepting credit cards means instant cash to merchants without losses in collection — any non-payment on a bank card is the bank's collection problem, not the merchant's. Lastly, several studies have indicated that where merchants accept credit cards, the actual number of sales and the value of each sale is increased. Hence, greater sales and higher profits to the merchant. — Allan A. Parker, 2222 Richmond Avenue.

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# San Francisco: Trashing of a City

By T. D. ALLMAN  
Manchester Guardian



Peltier on his way back to U.S.

## No Alternative On Peltier

By GEOFFREY STEVENS  
The Globe and Mail

Leonard Peltier, the American Indian Movement activist, has been returned to stand trial in the United States under an extradition order signed by Justice Minister Ron Basford. As much as one may question the determination of the U.S. government to bring Peltier to court, it is hard to see what else Basford could have done.

The case established a legal precedent in Canada. Having lost their struggle against extradition in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and the Federal Court of Canada, Peltier's lawyers took the unique step of applying directly to the Justice Minister to intervene under Sections 21 and 22 of the Extradition Act. These sections provide that the justice minister may refuse to sign an extradition order in cases where he believes the offences or the prosecution of the accused to be of a political character.

Basford's concern was evident and he took a long time — better than three weeks — to make his decision.

If he could have made his decision on the basis of the evidence, he would, I think, have allowed Mr. Peltier to remain in Canada. Extradition was being sought on four charges. The first was an attempted murder charge in Wisconsin. There was prosecution evidence, however, that the gun allegedly used by Peltier was, in fact, mechanically inoperative. The two most serious charges were ones of murder, arising from the 1975 shootings of two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The affidavits in these cases were, at best, contradictory; two other Indians, who had been charged with Peltier, were both acquitted. The fourth charge was one of burglary, laid in Oregon; this offence allegedly occurred while Peltier was fleeing to Canada.

The B.C. Supreme Court found last June that, had the offences occurred in Canada, the evidence would have been sufficient to commit Peltier to trial. One can argue that the court was wrong, but, once this finding was made, there was nothing Basford could do to overturn it. He had to restrict himself to the "political" argument — in effect, to decide whether Peltier was a fugitive from political persecution.

The political argument was

not compelling and some real problems could have been created had Basford accepted it. True, something approaching a state of war does seem to exist, in court and out, between the Oglala Sioux of South Dakota and the FBI and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

On the other hand, the two Indians accused with Peltier in the deaths of the FBI agents were acquitted. And, a Basford has noted, the lives of other AIM leaders in the U.S. do not appear to be in danger.

For the justice minister to have accepted the "political" argument would have been tantamount to recognizing that the Sioux's claim to an independent Oglala "nation" in South Dakota has some legitimacy. How could any minister of the Crown do that when his government is resisting the claims of its own native people to a Dene "nation"?

Further, to have accepted Peltier's argument would have been to announce to the world that Canada believes the United States engages in political persecution. To turn this proposition around, what would have happened had the kidnappers of James Cross and the Murderers of Pierre Laporte, instead of hiding out in Quebec, fled to the United States and been allowed to stay there as fugitives from political persecution? It would probably have produced the gravest incident in Canada-U.S. relations since the War of 1812.

With two friendly democracies, such as Canada and the United States, the implications would be enormous if one were to decide that a person considered by the other to be, say, a bank robber should be treated as though he were a victim of political oppression. We have little practical choice but to accept each other's claims, regardless of how unconvincing the evidence may sometimes seem.

Basford did seek a way out. Canada has abolished capital punishment. The government might have been able to justify not permitting the extradition of Peltier if it had been established that he would face execution, if convicted. But once the U.S. Justice Department had assured him that Peltier could not be sentenced to death, Basford had no alternative but to send him home. To have done otherwise would have been to create, for no valid reason, an international incident.

December can be a few degrees warmer than June, but this is the winter of San Francisco's discontent.

A decade and less ago, this was a supremely innovative and self-conscious city, San Francisco was not only beautiful, she seemed to hold aloft a light. In a time of fake moralism North Beach let it all hang out. In an age of price tags, Haight-Ashbury did it for free. Across the Bay, Berkeley pioneered free speech, and in Oakland the Black Panthers led the black revolution. Always strongly liberal, and a strong union town, San Francisco during the Indo-China war was a centre of national protest.

Today San Francisco seems less a beacon than a backwater, a city that has lost a decade and not yet found a role. And beneath the city's growing air of provincialism there lie some sinister edges.

The violent crime rate here is far higher than in New York or Los Angeles. It was in San Francisco, not among the urban blight of the coast, that the bizarre Zebra killings occurred. It was in San Francisco that in the final degeneracy of the protest movement, the Symbionese Liberation Army acted out its media saga of autodestruction. It was here that Lynette Fromme, for the sake of Charles Manson and the redwood trees, tried to fire a bullet at point blank range into President Ford's stomach.

Labor relations were soured and the city bitterly polarised this year by a long, self-

defeating transport strike, and the successful impeachment of a pro-labor official. A decade after protesters filled the streets, San Francisco's gift to the U.S. Senate is not Tom Hayden, but S. I. Hayakawa, the conservative educator who put the students down.

San Francisco pride lingers on, but chiefly in the form of overweening narcissism. San Franciscans are proud of the restoration of Giardelli Square and The Cannery from industrial ruins into leisure time complexes, and they treasure gathering places like Hoffman's, the Washington Square Grill, and the rocco lobby of the Sheraton Palace. But shops are often too cute, and the patrons seem to select their politics — like their clothes and books and wine — for the proper effect.

To put it bluntly San Francisco is boring, a city with the pretensions of a metropolis and the temperament of a provincial capital. At the opera, the crowds, even for a Sunday matinee, are overdressed, as self-conscious in their patronage of Culture as one would expect in Dallas or Atlanta.

The singles spots remain filled with examples of the alternate life style, but all the alternatives run to type. "Janis Joplin is dead," one local poet says. "Hell, Cass Elliot is dead. Sometimes, I suspect we all are."

We don't have writers and artists and musicians in San Francisco any more," complains the Rev. Frank Evans, a pastor in the fashionably avant-



Symbols remain but mystique has gone

garde Marin County suburb of Tiburon. "We have people who have adopted the artistic life style. No wonder this place is declining culturally. It attracts the same kind of people an artists' colony does."

The negative effects of what might be called the San Francisco mystique are most conspicuous in the city's gay community. San Francisco's elegance and reputation for tolerance have made it the homosexual capital of

America. But the gays have not really been integrated into the city. Instead — like the Chinese, the blacks, the Hispanics, and the Filipinos — they have been stereotyped, made caricatures of themselves. They are tolerated, but only as another exotic, ethnic group which cannot be assimilated.

"This isn't a town where individualism counts for much,"

complained one married man, whose neighbourhood has turned gay the way neighbourhoods in other American cities sometimes turn black. "If you don't fit the cliché, you find you really don't belong anywhere."

San Francisco's tendency to see itself as a static gallery of rigid stereotypes rather than as a cohesive community, became the central issue during the elections. State issues, even the presidential race were virtually forgotten as San Francisco debated Proposition T, which aimed at changing how the city's Board of Supervisors is elected. At issue was whether the officials would continue to represent the city as a whole, or be elected on a local and ethnic basis.

But Proposition T really was a referendum on whether San Francisco considered itself a city, or a collection of competing life styles, and in the ensuing debate, categories such as right and left, Democratic or Republican, became meaningless.

Downtown financial interests and the labour unions, at each other's throats most of the year, both opposed Proposition T. But conservative hard-hats and radical blacks, Catholic ward leaders, and militant gays all supported it.

In 1973, a similar proposal was defeated two-to-one. This time Proposition T was approved by a stunning majority, and even some of its supporters now fear its chief effect will not be to decentralise power, but to concentrate it in city hall. Whatever the long-term result, it is now clear that most San Franciscans no longer consider themselves citizens of a major metropolis, but inhabitants of small urban cantons.

In terms of popular culture, the San Francisco mystique is becoming as much a matter of ancient history as the gold rush. It was seven years ago that a festival of love began at San Francisco's Altamont Raceway and ended in a terror of random murder.

Yet the decline continues, and even now San Francisco is passing over one more of its melancholy watersheds.

Rolling Stone, the rock and roll magazine that has been to a decade of San Francisco tumult what the Iliad was to the Trojan wars, is packing its bags. The magazine's flamboyant editor Jann Wenner, with a surfer's instinct for the newest, new wave, has decided to move to New York, that seedy, irrepressible Babylon that only a few months ago supposedly was becoming the deserted Carthage to the rising Rome of the new west.

For a generation now, San Francisco has fancied itself the Athens of the Sunbelt. Now Wenner and Rolling Stone, with their unfailing instinct for the cultural jugular, have delivered San Francisco the unkindest cut of all.

"Without chic, radical or otherwise," laments one San Francisco publisher, "what is this city?" Wenner himself, whom the San Francisco mystique transformed from a podgy hippie into a publishing legend, provides the answer: "A dull provincial backwater."

The Girl of the Golden West has been left in the lurch, the victim yet again of that truism, trite but valid even here, that a pretty face is not enough.

## Too Early to End Controls

TORONTO STAR  
An Editorial

The Trudeau government stands in grave danger of stumbling out of the anti-inflation program just as awkwardly as it stumbled into it.

There are increasing and disturbing signs that the price and income controls program, in the absence of firm federal leadership, is coming apart at the seams without any indication from Ottawa of what should replace it, or how Canadians can avoid a return to the dog-eat-dog economic situation that preceded it.

Claude Castonguay, Quebec's representative on the Anti-Inflation Board, has resigned, and chairman Jean-Luc Pepin has threatened he too would resign as soon as the government could find a successor.

Beryl Plimtre, who resigned earlier this year as vice-chairman, has told The Star that the government may end the controls by spring, but does not have adequate plans for the post-control period.

The Manitoba government has exempted doctors from the federal guidelines limiting the income increase for anyone to \$2,400 a year. And Premier Ed Schreyer says Manitoba will probably not renew its anti-inflation agreement with Ottawa, raising the possibility that other provinces may follow suit when the agreements lapse next April.

Added to all these signs of disarray is the fact that Ottawa is under growing pressure from business and labor to end the controls program well before its scheduled expiry time at the end of 1978.

To do so under present circumstances would be to set the Canadian economy on a disaster course.

Even though there has been a

noticeable improvement in the inflation rate in the first year of controls, there is still much to be done. More progress has to be made in the fight against inflation, changes are still needed in many government policies, the phasing out of controls has to be carefully planned and a new consensus is needed to avoid a return to high inflation.

The white paper that accompanied the introduction of controls a year ago discussed "several structural problems which need to be addressed in a comprehensive anti-inflation program." These included energy policy, mortgage interest rates and the supply of affordable housing, food prices, competition policy and industrial relations.

Yet little has been done to deal with these issues.

Again, in an October policy paper called The Way Ahead, the Trudeau government said the vital matter of working out new directions for the Canadian economy "should not take place without a focussed public dialogue." It said Ottawa would "initiate a formal process of discussion, dialogue and consultation with all elements of Canadian society."

So far there is no sign of such a wide-ranging discussion, including parliamentary hearings. Nor is there any sign that the government is about to initiate it. Yet each month Canadians are losing precious time needed to work out a new economic order while the clock runs out on controls.

Granted, the federal government has desperate political problems, not the least of which is the challenge of

with the well-being of the nation.

But it mustn't use its own political difficulties as an excuse to back off in the fight against inflation, or to stall efforts to develop new ways of increasing real national wealth and distributing it more fairly among all Canadians.

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## No Beer for the People

By SCOTT YOUNG  
The Globe and Mail

I'm astonished that there seems to be an argument locally about whether to sell beer at Toronto Blue Jays baseball games next summer. I guess every move in the direction of letting people be themselves, without some well-intentioned bluenoses joggling their elbows, runs into the same kind of opposition.

It's plain nonsense to suggest that selling beer would make every ball game an orgiastic replay of the annual Grey Cup binge, and I can spread the issue over about 40 years of beer-drinking at ball games if I have to.

Basically it comes down to a class thing. Nobody seriously suggests that there should be no liquor licences at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, or Toronto Cricket, or all the golf and yacht clubs in the area.

You can go to the most mundane cow pasture called a golf club and stop in for a beer or a drink every time you get close enough to the clubhouse, if you wish. You can sail a boat slooped, or miss the broom in a curling match because you've patronized the bar between games.

But the moment anyone suggests sell-

ing a few brews where tens of thousands of largely less-moneyed people gather, the flak begins.

It's the old Sunday sport argument all over again: let the rich people do whatever they can pay for on Sundays, but make everybody else go to church and make do on sacramental wine.

On the evidence of last Saturday's Leaf-Colo hockey game, it would make more sense to ban popcorn in Maple Leaf Gardens than to ban beer (which is sold, but not in the stands or corridors). The game was delayed many minutes at the end by people who littered the ice with popcorn cartons. It couldn't have been any worse if they'd been throwing beer cartons. Indeed, it might not have been as bad, as beer induces more of a what-the-hell glow than popcorn, in case you didn't know.

My own observation is that people who

drink beer at sports events are not a problem. One reason is that real beer-drinkers prefer it cold, freshly-drawn, lively. Baseball park beer usually comes in large paper cups with plastic stretched across the top to prevent it from slopping over, hawked by vendors who may be 30 minutes away from the source of supply by the time they sell out.

I don't remember ever seeing anybody drunk on beer at a ball game, from the first time I had one — 39 years ago in Minneapolis, a hot Sunday when Kansas City with Gerry Priddy and Phil Rizzuto was in for a doubleheader — to the last time I had one, last July in Kansas City, with Oakland the opposition. People don't go to baseball games to get tanked up on beer. They go for the baseball. Beer is simply a mild amenity to help the peanuts go down.

How do we get into arguments like this when the world is full of more pressing concerns? Maybe it is for that very reason. If we argue enough about beer at baseball games, or patting the constitution, or when the prime minister will talk to the press, it keeps our minds off the real issues — like Bobby Orr's knee.











# Blacks Oppose Daley's Replacement

CHICAGO (UPI) — Despite some 300 boing blacks and the angry opposition of independent aldermen, Michael A. Bilandic is the acting successor of Richard J. Daley as mayor of Chicago.

Bilandic, a 53-year-old bachelor of Croatian descent who learned Chicago politics directly from Daley, his neighbor, is the fourth consecutive man from the city's south side 11th ward to oc-

cupy the mayor's office since 1933.

He got the job Tuesday in a lopsided 45-2 vote by the city council while opposition forces fought until the last minute to elect a first black mayor for the nation's second largest city.

Only aldermen were eligible for the post.

Wilson Frost, the black president pro tempore of the council, had maintained since the death of Daley last week that he was the mayor by vir-

tue of his position. He was expected to oppose Bilandic for the post. But he would not let his name be placed in nomination Tuesday, arousing the ire of his black supporters in the council chambers and galleries.

Black aldermen and Frost himself said they did not have the 25 votes necessary to win. Blacks who had packed the galleries shouted "We want Judas!"—an apparent reference to Frost.

It was reported Frost had

agreed to a compromise and would not oppose Bilandic in return for his election as chairman of the council's powerful finance committee, which Bilandic had headed.

Frost was later unanimously elected to that post.

That, and his expected choice to be administration floor leader, made him the no. 2 man in Chicago city government.

Frost all but acknowledged that an old-fashioned Chicago deal had been made.

# Ottawa Paid Damages For Jet-Spooked Horses

## TWO HOT DOGS, BEER ... AND A BLOW-UP

MONTREAL (CP) — A man walked into a north-end bar Tuesday sat down, consumed a beer and two hot dogs, then blew himself up.

Witnesses said he pulled a small battery out of his pocket and connected it to two wires leading from his shirt, setting off explosives attached to the left side of his body.

The 49-year-old man, whose name was not released, was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital. The explosion blew

out windows, but nobody else was injured.

A waiter said the man, a regular customer for about three months, gave no warning of his intention.

"His mind had to have been very definitely made up," a police spokesman said.

Some regular customers at the bar said the man's wife had left him recently. They described him as a construction worker of European origin.

# Church Leaders Attack Moon As Anti-Semitic

By WILLIAM CLAIBORNE

Washington Post  
NEW YORK — Leaders of three major Protestant, Catholic and Jewish organizations Tuesday denounced the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church as a "breeding ground" for anti-semitic, anti-Christian and anti-democratic beliefs.

In an extraordinary harsh series of verbal attacks on Rev. Moon's worldwide movement, some of the religious leaders said the Unification Church is an ideological campaign "whose antecedents trace back to the Nazis and to Stalinist communism."

The attack on Rev. Moon's movement, which claims 600,000 members worldwide, was launched by spokesmen for the American Jewish Committee, the 1.8-million member Catholic Archdiocese of New York and the National Council of Churches, whose 30 Protestant and Orthodox denominations represent 40 million U.S. churchgoers.

While Christian and Jewish group criticism of Rev. Moon's movement is nothing

new, Tuesday's declarations at the New York headquarters of the AJC took on special significance because of the size of the organizations involved, and because of the vituperation of the leaders who appeared.

"The troubling question cannot be evaded: Why are Rev. Moon and his political backers resorting to the Nazi model of exploiting anti-semitism for ideological purposes?" Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, the AJC's national director of interreligious affairs asked.

The Rev. James J. LeBar, co-ordinator of the New York archdiocese's office of communications, said the Unification movement, with its "strange and enticing appeal" to young people, "completely distorts the biblical texts and creates its own (religious) theories."

Dr. Jorge Lara-Braud, executive-director of the National Council of Churches' commission on faith and order, assailed the Unification movement for "leaving behind the scriptures whenever it is necessary to make a case that the replacement of the Messiah will come only from South Korea."

While the three religious leaders advanced no specific proposals for countering the effects of Rev. Moon's movement—other than proselytizing those already in the Unification Church and educating the public—they said they plan to send to members of Congress and the U.S. attorney general's office their own written analyses of Moon's major writings, including his "Divine Principle" and the "Master Speaks."

OTTAWA (CP) — Nine jet aircraft of the Snowbirds, the armed forces aerobatic team, made a low pass over the boardwalk in front of the Chateau Frontenac Hotel in Quebec City one day last year terrifying the horses that pull buggy-loads of tourists around the old city.

The animals "bolted" and "stampeded," say later-oficial accounts, injuring themselves, wrecking their buggies and damaging a number of parked cars.

Months later, the Federal Court of Canada awarded an aggrieved horse-and-buggy owner damages of \$5,000.

The incident was one of hundreds every year in which public money is paid in court settlements, damage claims and repairs resulting from acts of misadventure or negligence — and sometimes unavoidable accidents — by government employees.

The government's "damage bill" has totalled more than \$25 million in the last three years and is rising sharply. Damages for the fiscal year ended last March 31, totalled \$10.9 million, 17 per cent more than in 1975 and a 122-per-cent increase from 1974.

The total does not include \$18.4 million in goodwill payments made over the last three years to citizens with no legal damage claims against the government.

The payments resulted from various acts of mayhem and destruction including traffic accidents, fires, floods, explosions, gunfire, poisoning, falling objects and slippery floors.

They also resulted from negligence, sloppy work practices, various frauds and thefts and hundreds of cabinet-level or bureaucratic spending decisions that somehow went wrong.

Federal spending authorities say the damage bill is modest considering Ottawa's \$2.2-billion budget this year and its 400,000 employees who can make costly mistakes.

Treasury Board President Robert Andras told the Commons recently that the government mispent only \$5.6 million last year based on Auditor-General J. J. Macdonell's annual catalogue of bungling and waste.

However, the auditor-general's report did not include most of the damage settlements and goodwill payments listed in the public accounts.

Some examples: —The Mounties tracked a wanted youth to his mother's house in the tiny central Saskatchewan town of Kerrobert and threw tear gas through the windows when the fugitive refused to come out. The gas flushed out the youth who shot and killed himself as the house burned to the ground. The government paid \$21,913.

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Cigarettes Found  
CLACTON, England (AP) — More than 50,000 king-size cigarettes have been washed ashore on a 10-mile stretch of the Essex County coast here.

## LOST BOY Baffles POLICE

WHITEHORSE, Yukon (CP) — The whereabouts of a 3½-year-old boy who went missing here Dec. 23 remain a mystery to local RCMP who already have mounted an intensive search and public appeal campaign.

Ricky McLaren went missing from his grandparents' house about the same time a fire broke out and damaged his parents' home nearby.

There has been speculation here that the boy may have tried to walk home to his parents' house.

Originally police thought he may have fallen through the thin ice of the Yukon River which runs near his parents' house, but that possibility was ruled out when a search along the river bank found no footprints in the fresh snow.

The McLaren home is located in a lightly-wooded area pockmarked by a number of small ponds and sloughs and there was speculation he became lost and wandered onto a pond with thin ice. Police have been unable to discover any clues.

Firemen have gone through the burned house a number of times and say they are sure no one was killed in the fire that caused about \$25,000 damage.

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## Federal Building Renovated

VANCOUVER (CP) — The seven-floor Begg Building on West Georgia Street, which appears on the outside to have been unused and empty since the United Nations Habitat conference that ended June 11, is being renovated, a federal government official said Tuesday.

R. E. Fahey, regional manager of program planning for the public works department, said upper-floor renovations now taking place are for public works offices that should be ready in February.

Fahey said that in March, Canada Manpower, immigration and the unemployment insurance commission, set to be amalgamated under pending federal legislation, will occupy the lower floors.

Two floors of the building had been used as a media centre, the Canadian and UN secretariat headquarters and other offices during the 12-day human settlements conference in June.

"It looks like a building sitting empty and that we haven't done anything with it," said Fahey. "But in actual fact we have."

He said no one has moved into the offices yet because long-term leases held by government departments on their present facilities don't end until early in 1977.

## BANK EYES SKI HILL

KAMLOOPS (CP) — Tod Mountain Recreation Ltd., owner-operators of the Tod Mountain ski hill, has asked the Royal Bank of Canada to appoint a receiver-manager for its operations.

The reasons cited by owner-manager Peter Mackay-Smith were a lack of snow coupled with a lack of season's pass sales and high costs to repair the mountain's Burfield chair-

lift. Tod Mountain is 35 miles northeast of here.

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## ONT. NDP BACKS OFF ON GOV'T INSURANCE

TORONTO (CP) — The Ontario New Democratic Party is having second thoughts about pressing for a provincially-operated auto insurance plan, says Patrick Lawlor, NDP member of the legislature for Toronto Lakeshore.

Lawlor said in a recent interview his party now stresses the need to expand current auto insurance payouts and coverages.

While not dismissing completely the idea of a provincial plan, he said the party

has learned a bitter lesson from the provincial insurance plan in British Columbia, which was introduced in 1974 by the NDP government of former premier Dave Barrett and lost more than \$181 million in about two years.

Lawlor said the B.C. plan should have been given much more study before its implementation.

He also blamed problems with the B.C. plan to "incautious use of premium rates that were not actuarially sound."

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### Europe Flights Blocked

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Gerald Ford has blocked a major Civil Aeronautics Board plan to provide new airline passenger service from 12 U.S. cities to Europe, the CAB said Tuesday.

The CAB recommended the new routes for airports in Atlanta, Dallas-Fort Worth, Kansas City, St. Louis and other major cities last July.

The plan would have given 11 of the 12 cities their first transatlantic routes and provided competition for international airports in New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

If a letter to the agency, Ford asked the CAB to make a new recommendation by Sept. 1, 1977.

Ford said not enough consideration was given to economic matters and the wishes of foreign countries in proposing the new routes.

He said some foreign governments, whose acceptance of U.S. air carrier-route awards is required, "are at present dissatisfied with the governing bilateral arrangements."

The president said the CAB should develop a transatlantic system that "will best serve the long-term interests of the public, the financial strength and competitiveness of our private U.S. flag international carriers and over-all U.S. international aviation policy."

A CAB spokesman said the issue is now unsettled because Ford leaves office in January and it is not known how President-elect Carter feels about the new airline service.

## Hotel Strikers Return to Work

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A court order says workers at the Fontainebleau, largest of Miami Beach's posh hotels, must end a strike and return to bed-making, food serving and other duties.

But there is nothing to prevent picket lines from remaining up in front of six other resort hotels hit by a strike that has forced high-paying guests to carry their own luggage and clean their own rooms.

The strike has added to the financial woes of the luxury hotels, which have recently been hit by a decline in tourism and had hoped to be full during the year-end holidays.

Some guests have left in anger, checking out in favor of smaller inns here or in other Florida cities.

Federal mediators, mean-

while, are meeting behind closed doors with negotiators for the union and the Southern Florida Hotel and Motel Association.

The walkout was started against selected hotels Christmas Day by the Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Employees Union, Local 335. Its 11,000 members had been working without a contract since September.

The Fontainebleau became a special case Tuesday when Circuit Judge Francis Christie granted a request by the hotel that the local be held to an interim agreement pending a new contract.

The Fontainebleau, with 1,200 rooms, is the only hotel hit by the strike to have such an agreement. It calls for grievances to be submitted to binding arbitration until a new labor pact is signed.

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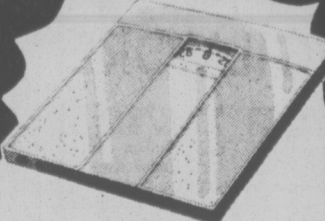
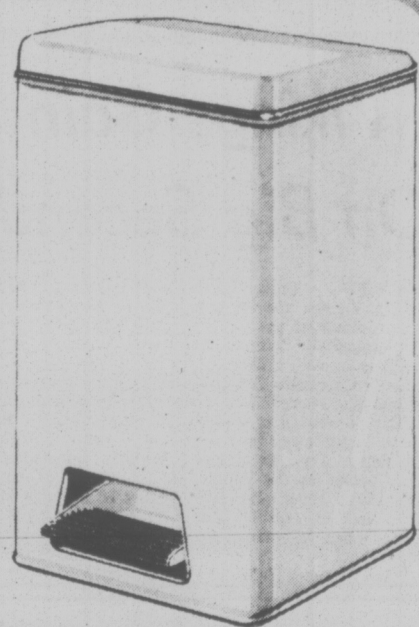
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# Rangers Break Jinx, Romp Over Capitals



PHIL ESPOSITO

By The Canadian Press

The streak had to end sometime for Washington Capitals and it did Tuesday night. They finally lost to New York Rangers at the Capital Centre.

Before Tuesday's game with the Capitals, the Rangers were the only National Hockey League team never to win at the Landover, Md., rink—escaping with only one tie in four visits.

The Rangers made up for past defeats Tuesday by pounding the Capitals 5-2 as Phil Esposito scored twice to lead the New York attack.

In other games, New York Islanders and St. Louis Blues played to a 4-4 tie, while Minnesota North Stars trounced Los Angeles Kings 5-3.

It looked as though the Capital Centre jinx was working again in the first period as

Rick Bagnalo scored for Washington at 4:34. The goal judge didn't see the score, but the referee did and the goal was counted.

The Capitals appeared well on their way when Tony White made it 2-0 at 5:14 of the second period. But the Rangers then decided they had had enough of superstition and proceeded to run roughshod over the Capitals the rest of the way—scoring five unanswered goals and outshooting the home club 45-16 on the game.

Steve Vickers deflected a Rod Gilbert shot for New York's first score and Ken Hodge tied the game as he tipped in a shot from Bill Goldsworthy.

Esposito got his first goal with four seconds left in the second period and added his second at 4:25 of the third.

Greg Polis closed out the Rangers scoring at 15:39.

The Rangers now have lost only three of their last 19 games, tying eight during that span.

At St. Louis, the Islanders spotted the Blues a 4-0 lead and then roared back with four goals of their own. Billy Harris tied the game with 1:35 left to play.

Bob Gassoff and Claude Larose had given St. Louis a 2-0 first-period lead and Larry Patey added two in the second.

Bill Fairbairn's third goal of the season, an unassisted short-handed marker at 6:38 of the second period, proved to be the winner as Minnesota ended an 11-game winless streak and moved to within one point of third-place Vancouver Canucks in the same division.



TRAFFIC WAS HEAVY around New York goal in National Hockey League action at St. Louis Tuesday night but goalie Billy Smith of Islanders grabbed loose puck away from Larry Patey (6) and Rick

Bourbonnais (28) of the Blues. Aiding Smith are Pat Price (3), Bert Marshall (6) and Bob Bourne (14). Teams played to 4-4 tie after Blues had fashioned loose four-goal lead. (AP wirephoto)

## Boris' Boys Beat Bandits

CINCINNATI (AP) — Coach Boris Kulagin of the touring Soviet Union hockey team charged Cincinnati Stingers with "bandit style" hockey and blasted World Hockey Association officiating after his team outlasted Cincinnati 7-5 in an exhibition game Tuesday night.

Stingers coach Terry Slater agreed with Kulagin on the officiating but for different reasons, then remarked: "They'll call us bandits, but they're laughing themselves sick over in their locker room. Everytime they put a man on the ice, they had their sticks up in the air."

"We are more accustomed to bandit style of hockey now," said Kulagin after the Russian team won its first game in a series with WHA teams. They lost 5-2 to New

England Whalers in their opening game Monday.

"It seems to this team (Stingers) it doesn't matter which way they win. In international competition, there is no such rough game."

Kulagin then criticized the officiating, promising that if the referees want "to get a feeling of dirty tricks, we can show him some."

"If the officiating had been

honest," said Slater, "we would have beaten this team. Everytime we came back, the officials would give us a penalty. They took the momentum away from us."

Soviet centre Vladimir Petrov had three goals and two assists, including the winning goal after the Stingers tied the game three times in the final period.

Vasily Pervikhin, Victor Shalimov, Helmut Balderis and Boris Aleksandrov also scored for the Russians.

Richie Leduc scored twice, the first time unassisted on an end-to-end rush. Rick Dudley, Claude Larose and Blaine Stoughton added single goals.

The Soviets will visit Houston Aeros on Thursday.

## SOVIETS RELAX AT BANFF

By The Canadian Press

Soviet Union coach Boris Maierov took his team to Banff on Tuesday to help them forget successive 7-4 defeats in their first two games of the major junior international hockey tournament and to help him grow familiar with the team.

The young Soviet team, which has lost several players because of injuries, skated lightly after returning from the trip which Maierov said buoyed their spirits.

"It was good for everybody. To play two games in a row is much for young players such as these," he said in an interview while the interpreter who accompanies the team was occupied elsewhere.

He did not need perfect English to explain his problems as the Russians prepared for their game at Medicine Hat tonight against the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League all-stars who thumped Russia 7-1 in Sunday's opening game.

"We will make changes in our tactics if we have enough players to complete the series," he said with a grin.

The Russians lost goaltender Konstantin Gavrilov and forward Alexander Guriev in the opening game and defenceman Judin Novichenko and forward Sergei Tuckmachev in the loss Monday night to Ontario's representatives.

"The injuries are enough for us," Maierov said. "This team was together for only four days before coming here."

"I did not know all of the names or all of the positions when the team came together for the first time. They came from 10 teams, all outside of Moscow, and I still do not know some so well."

The Russians have not yet seen the Western Canada Hockey League all-stars, who won their first two games and face Ontario tonight in Calgary but he expects the favored westerners to be the best team here.

## Killanin Issues Warning Over Political Meddling

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (Reuter) — International Olympic Committee president Lord Killanin warned all countries wanting to compete in the Olympic Games that they must obey the rules and resist increasing political interference from governments.

In a circular letter Tuesday to all members of the 77-man IOC, international sports federations and the Soviet and United States organizers of the 1980 Summer and Winter Olympics, Lord Killanin expressed "considerable concern" at the Olympics and international sport generally being used for political purposes.

"It is not necessary for any country or territory to join the Olympic movement or any international (sports) federation, but having agreed to join the rules must be obeyed," Lord Killanin said.

"There is a welcome increasing interest by governments and official organizations in sport in various countries which has been inspired by the IOC and the Olympic movement."

"At the same time there is

a danger of increasing government political interference," he added.

Lord Killanin reminded all national Olympic committees they must not associate themselves with affairs of a political nature, and must be completely independent and au-

tonomous and oppose all political, religious and commercial pressures.

He said that under an addition to IOC rules at Montreal last July any national Olympic committee or individual that did not conform to IOC regulations could be suspended.

or have their recognition withdrawn.

Lord Killanin recalled that during last summer's Montreal Olympics two national Olympic committees — the U.S. and Soviet Union threatened to withdraw from the Games.

The Canadian government did not abide by the terms on which the Games were awarded to Montreal.

And, Lord Killanin added, a number of African and Arab countries withdrew mainly on the request of their government of New Zealand, whose rugby team toured South Africa which has been ousted from the Olympics because of racial segregation in sport.

Lord Killanin said these last minute withdrawals seriously affected the organization of the Games. The IOC executive board and the international sports federations had agreed to impose strict sanctions for any such action in future, except when caused by sickness or unforeseen circumstances.

The IOC executive board will discuss this issue with national Olympic committees in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, next March, and make recommendations to an IOC session in Prague, next June.

Lord Killanin said when he visited Moscow last month Soviet President Nikolai Podgorniy assured him that the Soviet government would abide by an agreement made when the 1980 Summer Games were awarded to the Soviet capital.

Podgorniy reaffirmed that all authorized or accredited competitors would be allowed to compete in Moscow, and all recognized personnel, officials and press would be permitted to enter the Soviet capital.

## Montana Lures Allen from SFU

VANCOUVER (CP) — A University of Montana official says Pokey Allen has been hired as defensive co-ordinator of the Big Sky Conference football team.

Harley Lewis, Montana's athletic director, said Allen will join the university staff on Jan. 1.

Allen, 32, who played in the Canadian Football League with British Columbia Lions and Edmonton Eskimos in the 1960's, was co-head coach of Simon Fraser University Clansmen the last three years.

## WESTS NUDGE ROYALS TO TAKE INDOOR TITLE

Robbie Williams scored 13 seconds into sudden-death overtime Tuesday to give Victoria West a 1-0 victory over Cosmopolitan Royals and the title in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's second annual indoor tournament at the University of Victoria.

Goalie Jim de Goede posted the shutout in the final of the 16-team, single-loss elimination tournament.

West's gained the final by defeating defending-champion Gorge Molsons 4-1 in the se-

mi-finals. Royals advanced with a 3-1 upset over Victoria Athletics.

Williams scored twice against Vic West while single tallies were contributed by Rob Duncan and Steve Forsland. George Hind averted a shutout for Molsons.

Rudi Kuebler led Royals with two goals while Brock Coupar scored once. Ash Douglas replied for Athletics.

Williams and Kuebler shared tournament scoring honors with a total of six

goals each. John Blissett of YMCA was third with five.

YMCA, a group of veteran players assembled especially for the tourney, grabbed consolation honors with a 1-0 win over Metro Toyota II. Nils Poulsen scored for YMCA and Jack Adams recorded the shutout.

Metro upset UVic Vikings 3-1 in one consolation semi while YMCA scored twice in the final 10 seconds to nudge Victoria West II 6-4 in the other encounter.

## Vikings Gain Semi-Final On Big Second-Half Surge

WINNIPEG — University of Victoria Vikings moved into the semi-finals of the Golden Boy basketball tournament here Tuesday with a 78-57 victory over Concordia University Stingers of Montreal.

Vikings broke out of a half-time tie to pull away from the easterners. Jim Duddridge had 16 points for the Vikings while Chris Hebb and Rob Parris finished with 14. Jim Akin notched 25 points for Concordia.

UVic will meet defending-champion Manitoba in one se-

mi-final round today. University of Winnipeg Wesmen will play the University of Waterloo Warriors in the other. The two winners will meet in the tournament final tonight.

Manitoba, with Team Canada player Martin Riley scoring 20 points and Grant Watson 25, defeated top-ranked Laurentian University Voyageurs of Sudbury 91-83. Winnipeg downed McMaster University Marauders of Hamilton 93-68 and Waterloo edged University of Alberta Golden Bears 85-81.

McMaster, ranked eighth in the nation, was without star player David Roser and Winnipeg took advantage of his absence to run up a 49-24 lead at half time and past home from there. Ken Opalko had 20 points for the Wesmen and Devon Daley 18. Indrek Kongsas scored 29 for the Marauders.

Mike Visser was Waterloo's leading scorer with 17 points while Doug Baker and Pat Rooney paced Alberta with 15 and 14.

## WALTON SETTLES BATTLE WITH BULLS, GILMORE

Bill Walton is a party pooper.

A record crowd of 19,889, the most ever to watch pro basketball in Chicago, turned out Tuesday night at the Stadium to watch Walton and Portland Trail Blazers battle Artis Gilmore and Chicago Bulls. And with three minutes to go in the National Basketball Association contest, the home folks were happy as their club clung to a 75-74 lead.

But Walton hit a free throw to tie the score, then banked in a pair of baskets before scoring the game's final point on a free throw as Portland won 84-79. He also grappled four rebounds in those final three minutes.

Walton led all players with 23 points and 18 rebounds. He

limited Gilmore to just two free throws in the second half and a total of 10 points.

The victory lifted Portland's record to 23-10, best in the NBA.

Elsewhere, Seattle SuperSonics edged Atlanta Hawks 120-119. New York Knicks beat Houston Rockets 111-89. Kansas City Kings defeated Cleveland Cavaliers 113-106. Washington Bullets topped Indiana Pacers 117-111. San Antonio Spurs out-scored Philadelphia 76ers 127-116. Denver Nuggets downed Phoenix Suns 110-102. Milwaukee Bucks beat Golden State Warriors 113-102 and Los Angeles Lakers trounced Boston Celtics 134-105.

Seattle blew a 20-point lead and trailed 117-116 before Tom Burleson's basket put them

back on top and Fred Brown's two free throws clinched it. Lou Hudson scored 33 points for Atlanta while Nick Weatherston was Seattle's top scorer with 25 points.

Tom McMillen scored a career-high 312 points against Houston, shooting 14 of 22 from the field.

Brian Taylor scored 12 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter and rookie Richard Washington chipped in 10 of his 20 in that period as the Kings dealt Cleveland its third consecutive loss.

George Gervin scored 29 points and Larry Kenon added 22 to lead the Spurs to their fourth win in a row.

Milwaukee erased a four-point deficit by outscoring Golden State 20-4 in a four-minute stretch late in the fourth quarter. Bob Dandridge and Brian Winters each scored eight points in the final period and Dandridge finished with a game-high 29 points.

Rookie Larry Wright's jumper snapped a 109-109 tie and led Washington to victory. Elvin Hayes had 31 points for the Bullets.

Dan Issel's 34 points and nine rebounds helped Denver past Phoenix.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's 30 points helped Los Angeles beat Boston for the first time in two years.

## Fincups Come from Behind For Third Tournament Win

PRAGUE (CP) — Coach Bert Templeton admitted he was worried for a while Tuesday when his St. Catharines Fincups dropped behind 3-1 in their world junior hockey championship match against Sweden.

However, Templeton was able to relax after the Ontario Hockey Association Major Junior A team, last season's Canadian junior champs, rallied for a 5-3 victory — its third in four games.

The St. Catharines coach said he had expected the Swedes to be "more than competitive and that's just what they were."

"Our team has proven time and again they play their best when they're behind and that's what happened tonight. Sure, I was worried when we were behind 3-1, but we just kept digging until things went well for us."

Forward John Anderson, a pickup from Toronto Marlboros, led the Fincups' rally

with two goals. Al Secord, Dave Hunter and Dwight Foster added single goals.

The Fincups now have three victories and a tie in four tournament games and rank second in tournament standings behind the Soviet Union which won its fourth game Tuesday by a 2-1 score over West Germany.

In other games Tuesday, Finland whipped Poland 8-2 and the host Czechoslovakians beat the United States 5-2.

The Fincups, who came under fire from one local newspaper Monday for what was called rough play, engaged in another rugged encounter with the Swedes.

St. Catharines took 11 of the 20 penalties called by the United States referee, including two five-minute fighting majors to Joe Contini. Sweden's Jan Hermansson took a 10-minute misconduct as well as a major for his fight with Contini at the end of the third period.

The Swedes carried the play early in the game and took the lead on Ake Gustafsson's power-play goal in the ninth minute.

Anderson scored the first of his two goals to tie the game four minutes later. But quick goals by Jerald Luckner and Kent Eriksson early in the second period put the Swedes in front.

Dale McCourt set up goals by Secord and Anderson a minute apart midway in the second period, to put the Canadians even again and Hunter scored the winner just before the second period ended.

**Tuesday Results**  
Canada 5, Sweden 3.  
Soviet Union 2, West Germany 1.  
Finland 8, Poland 2.  
Czechoslovakia 5, U.S. 2.

**Tonight's Games**  
West Germany vs. Canada.  
Sweden vs. Poland.

## Steeler Ace Top Defender

NEW YORK (AP) — Middle linebacker Jack Lambert of Pittsburgh Steelers was selected today by The Associated Press as the National Football League's defensive player of the year.

Lambert was an easy choice with 42 votes from the 84 ballots cast by sports writers and broadcasters in the 28 NFL cities. Defensive tackle Vally Chambers of Chicago Bears finished second with 19

votes while defensive end Tommy Hart of the San Francisco 49ers had seven and cornerback Monte Jackson of Los Angeles had five.

Others receiving support included Lambert's linebacking partner, Jack Ham of Pittsburgh, defensive end John Dutton and tackle Joe Ertmann of Baltimore Colts, cornerback Mike Haynes of New England Patriots, the defensive rookie of the year, and defensive end Coy Bacon of Cincinnati Bengals.

Lambert was the leader of a Steeler defence that permitted only 28 points in the final nine games of the regular season as Pittsburgh recovered from a 1-4 start to charge into the American Conference playoffs.

Playing middle linebacker, Lambert became one of the more visible figures in the Steeler defence. But he said his team-mates also had outstanding seasons.

"You have to have the talent," he said. "We're in a

unique situation. We could easily have 11 players in the Pro Bowl. Look at (tackle) Ernie Holmes. He's having his best season but it's hardly noticed because he plays next to somebody like Joe Greene."

Lambert was the Steelers' second draft choice in 1974 out of Kent State. He played quarterback in high school and defensive end in his sophomore year at college. Then he changed positions the following year.



JACK LAMBERT



# There Was a Time When Pro Stars Peddled Tickets

By BOB ADDIE  
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It was appropriate that the last game between the College All-Stars and the Pittsburgh Steelers in July ended with as much confusion as the history of the football series itself.

A devastating storm struck Soldier Field in Chicago with the Steelers ahead, 24-0, and 1:22 left in the third quarter. The game was called when

the fans came pouring out of the stands, performing belly-whoppers in the gathering puddles and taunting the players. There were a couple of skirmishes between the fans and the players of both sides, but no casualties.

The history of the event has been highlighted by legal action and complaints from National Football League owners about risking their valuable properties.

The Chicago Tribune Charities, which had sponsored the game since its inception in 1934, says it now costs too

much money to put on the game.

In cancelling its sponsorship, the Tribune cited economic factors, particularly the indemnification of the players, whose six-figure salaries have put insurance rates out of reach.

"That is one of the problems," Jim Kensil, executive director of the NFL, said. "The new players coming in must be protected and, as the Tribune pointed out, insurance rates are out of sight."

Don Weiss, of the NFL office in New York, said: "The

league at this time has no plans to continue the game."

Kensil said his office had received three bids to continue the game: from the New Jersey Sports Authority, which wants the game for Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.; the Washington Star, which would like to put on the game in RFK Stadium; and the Shriners, who have been involved in the East-West game and also sponsored an exhibition game here for five years.

"At the moment," Kensil pointed out, "there is no

game. The owners will meet on Jan. 17, but they won't actually have to vote on retaining a game. They'd vote on starting a new game because the contract with the Chicago Tribune no longer exists."

The NFL thought the contest was a splendid idea in 1934 when the first All-Star game was played, a scoreless tie with the Chicago Bears. At the time, pro football was a stepchild. The college game was the big thing. The pros were lucky to get \$200 a game and many players, such as Michigan's great Benny

Friedman of the New York Giants, peddled tickets after practice.

There always was curiosity in the early days about how college stars would fare against the pros. The first pro victory came in 1935 when the Bears won, 5-0. In the 1936 game, a 7-7 tie with Detroit, the starting centre was Jerry Ford, of Michigan.

Washington Redskins had the distinction of losing to the All-Stars, 28-16, in 1938. After that, All-Star victories became scarce, and the competitive feature of the game di-

minished. Over-all, the pros won 31, lost 9 and tied 2.

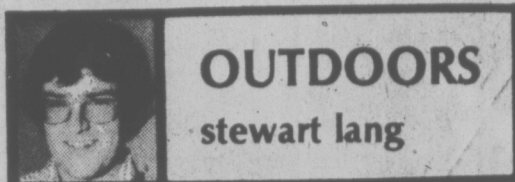
There was no game played in 1974 because of a players' strike, but long before that interest had begun to wane. It no longer was a contest and the NFL clubs wanted to get out of the agreement because of the danger of injuries to their high-priced stars.

Walter Payton, who closed out a sensational year with the Bears, sat out half the 1975 season because of an injury in the All-Star game.

The late George Preston Marshall was the first to

break the contract with the Tribune when he owned the Redskins. Marshall signed Harry Gilmer, the Alabama halfback, in 1948 and decided Gilmer would skip the game. The Tribune balked and pointed out that in its agreement with the NFL, every player selected was obliged to play.

A lawsuit followed when Gilmer did not play. Ironically, Gilmer was hurt in a Redskin scrimmage a week after the All-Star game and was out for most of the season when a blood-clot in his right leg became infected.



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## Unions Voice Opposition To Volunteer Workers

There are a few areas of concern that labor unions should leave strictly alone.

I hope it isn't official policy on a provincial basis, but some unions have voiced opposition to the use of volunteer labor in projects under the joint federal-provincial salmonid (trout and salmon) enhancement program.

Some of these schemes depend on volunteers and couldn't be carried out efficiently or economically if hamstrung with the problems that go with meeting a payroll.

In addition, the grassroots involvement between a community and its waterways — now very much evident in current enhancement schemes in the Sooke area and at Goldstream — would be lacking if paid workers were used.

Rather than opposing the use of volunteers, labor unions could do themselves a favor by contributing a little of their own time. Or would that be asking a little too much?

The union opposition surfaced during the recent series of community inquiries held throughout the province to poll public opinion.

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Some of the other bits of advice and opinion to come out during the public meetings:

—A major enhancement effort must be mounted soon to be effective.

—Sports and commercial fishermen are blaming each other for depleting stocks, but agree that foreign fishing is also a factor.

—Fishermen should be involved in fish management policy decisions.

—Mass enhancement of commercial stocks could prove detrimental to sports stocks as well as wild stocks of the same species.

—Restoration and protection of natural habitat should take precedence over artificial enhancement efforts.

—Resource users should pay for enhancement. Resident sports fishermen should be licensed and commercial fishermen should be charged "finning" in a manner similar to logging stumpage.

—More protection officers and enforcement of existing regulations are needed.

—Stream diversion for hydro power is a major threat to fisheries values.

—Logging and mining are historically and potentially the greatest threats to fish and watersheds.

—Hatcheries should be a supplement to natural production, not a substitute for it.

—The public should be encouraged to participate in small stream restoration, for both the education and enhancement values connected with this involvement.

Meanwhile, a provincial task force has been formed to "assist in the interpretation and transmission of the public's concerns, ideas and questions regarding the salmonid enhancement program to the appropriate people managing the fisheries resource."

This group represents a broad cross-section of special interest groups throughout British Columbia, including recreational, native and commercial fishermen, fish processors, forestry personnel, educators and representatives from chambers of commerce and tourism.

The planning and preparation stages of the program are now well underway and work should begin to shift into a higher gear within the next couple of months.

HERMAN



"Okay, cut out the creeping around. What have I got?"

## Jets Fall Back in Bid To Regain Lost Ground

By The Canadian Press  
Winnipeg Jets are battling in more ways than one as they scramble to make up for lost time.

The Jets took time out from World Hockey Association play to represent Canada in the Ivestia Cup tournament in Moscow earlier this month.

They left with a comfortable five-point edge on second-place San Diego Mariners in the WHA West Division and returned home last weekend to find themselves in third spot. Even Houston Aeros were one point ahead of them.

Tuesday night provided a showdown between the Jets and Aeros, and Houston suffered a 6-3 victory in a game delayed 13 minutes by a first-period brawl.

In other games, Quebec

Nordiques edged Edmonton Oilers 3-2, Minnesota Fighting Saints downed New England Whalers 5-4 and Phoenix Roadrunners shaded Indianapolis Racers 4-3.

Temper flared 4:29 into the contest at Houston when "Thomnie" Bergman of the Jets and the Aeros' Don Larway became involved in an altercation. Bergman was given a major penalty and Larway a double major. Winnipeg's Lyle Moffat and John Tonelli of Houston went off with minors at 12:51 and then at 18:41 the melee ensued with both benches emptying.

Referee Bob Kolari handed out 88 minutes in penalties to five players as a result of the brawl and ejected three with game misconducts—Moffat of the Jets and Larway and Terry Ruskowski of the Aeros.

Tonelli paced the Aero attack with two goals and Larry Lund added three assists as the two clubs settled down to hockey for the final two periods.

After a 1-1 first period, Houston broke the game open with three unanswered goals in the second and increased the score to 5-1 early in the third.

The loss, Winnipeg's second since returning to league play, left the club three points behind Houston and nine back of San Diego. The Jets hold three games in hand on the Aeros and four on the Mariners.

At Edmonton, before a season-high crowd of 12,050, the Nordiques built up a three-goal lead and then held off a third-period comeback by the Oilers.

Real Cloutier's 31st goal of the season gave Quebec a 1-0 first-period lead and Serge Bernier, with his 28th, and Bob Fitchner scored in the second. Rusty Patenaude and Doug Barrie replied in the final period for the Oilers but the rally fell short.

## NHL SUMMARIES

Patrick Division	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Philadelphia	35	21	7	8	133	95	50
NY Islanders	35	22	8	5	125	84	49
Washington	36	17	12	7	119	107	41
NY Rangers	39	15	14	10	143	132	40

Smyth Division	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
St. Louis	37	15	17	5	107	131	35
Chicago	36	11	20	5	112	135	27
Vancouver	38	10	25	3	102	150	23
Minnesota	33	7	20	8	96	147	22
Colorado	35	8	22	5	96	129	21

Adams Division	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Buffalo	34	23	9	3	127	79	49
Boston	36	22	11	3	138	112	47
Toronto	37	16	15	6	136	124	38
Cleveland	37	11	19	7	108	127	29

Norris Division	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Montreal	36	27	5	5	121	124	55
Pittsburgh	36	15	16	5	110	120	34
Los Angeles	37	12	15	4	102	120	34
Detroit	35	12	19	4	102	127	34
Washington	35	10	21	4	97	145	24

Next games: Tonight — Buffalo at Atlanta, Montreal at Philadelphia; Washington at Colorado; Detroit at Chicago; Boston at Vancouver; Toronto at Cleveland.

NY RANGERS 5, WASHINGTON 2  
First Period  
1. Washington, Bragano (7) (Lewin, Watson) 1:38.  
Penalties—Folli (NYR), Smith (Wash) 11:38.  
2. Washington, White (4) (Colin, Smith) 17:40.  
Second Period  
1. Washington, White (4) (Colin, Smith) 5:14.  
2. Washington, Vickers (12) (Gilbert, Dillon) 10:32.  
3. NY Rangers, Espino (17) (Goldworthy) 15:28.  
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Penalties—Lalonde (Wash) 3:54; Polio (NYR) 12:24.  
Third Period  
1. NY Rangers, Espino (18) (McEwen) 4:25.

INDIANAPOLIS 4, ST. LOUIS 4  
First Period  
1. St. Louis, Gassoff (2) (Benson) 7:14.  
2. St. Louis, Larose (12) (Sander, Pate) 13:08.  
Penalties—Lewis (NYI) 4:09; NYI bench 7:14.  
Second Period  
1. St. Louis, Patey (15) 12:44.  
2. NY Islanders, Nyström (17) (Marshall, Price) 15:22.  
Penalties—Gassoff (STL), Howatt (NYI) (majors) 6:48.  
3. NY Islanders, Nyström (18) (Trotter, Hart) 17:52.  
4. NY Islanders, Howatt (7) (Jiles, Trotter) 18:25.  
Penalty—Gassoff (STL) 1:16.  
Shots on goal: 3 9 14 — 26  
St. Louis 10 12 6 — 28  
St. Louis, Smith, NY Islanders, Johnston, St. Louis, Minnesota.  
Attendance — 17,163.

WESTERN HOMES Buckaroos is third at 43.  
SCORING  
Doug Hanna, Lakers 2:28 51  
Bob Martin, Leafs 2:26 46  
Randy Krantz, Bucks 1:28 43  
Mark Colombe, Lakers 17:24 41  
Bill Patterson, Bucks 15:27 37  
Brian Hamilton, Aft. 12:25 37  
Neil Sanders, Lakers 14:20 36  
Rick Boyd, Lakers 10:27 32  
GOALTENDING  
Vic Malt, Blues, 4:00; Reg Wonnem, Athletics, 4:33; Gord Mitchell, Athletics, 4:24; Steve Kishcan, Buckaroos, 4:27; Kelly Hunter, Merchants, 4:54; John Lindsay, Buckaroos, 5:15.

## Major Junior Leagues to Test Validity of Standard Contract

CALGARY (CP) — President Ed Chynoweth of the Western Canada Hockey League said Tuesday the three Canadian major junior hockey leagues will hire legal help in testing the validity of the standard major junior player's contract and winger Blair Chapman of Pittsburgh Penguins will be used as a test.

Chynoweth said that Chapman is one of several players in the National Hockey League and World Hockey Association who has not fulfilled the terms of a contract calling for payment to his former junior team of \$25,000 after his first 25 games in the NHL or WHA.

Chapman was Pittsburgh's first-round choice in the NHL

draft after he graduated from Saskatoon Blades of the WHC last season.

Chynoweth said Jim Piggett, who owned the Blades when Chapman joined the team, "has given us permission to start proceedings against Chapman."

"We will retain legal counsel in Saskatchewan, where Chapman played three seasons with the Blades."

Chynoweth said that the standard contract in the WHC and the major junior leagues of Ontario and Quebec was devised two years ago because the junior leagues could not reach agreements with the two major professional leagues over payment of development money.

"We are not trying to hit the boy without development money, we are in deep trouble financially," said Chynoweth.

He refused to name other WHC graduates in the same situation as Chapman but said several teams in all three junior leagues could be forced to fold if the money is not provided.

WCHL franchises in Kamloops, Calgary, Flin Flon, and Winnipeg have had small crowds and are at or near the point of losing money, Chynoweth said.

He said the NHL has proposed an agreement for payment of \$1,000 when a major junior graduate is drafted, followed by \$4,000 when the player is signed and \$5,000 for each 40 games up to \$15,000.

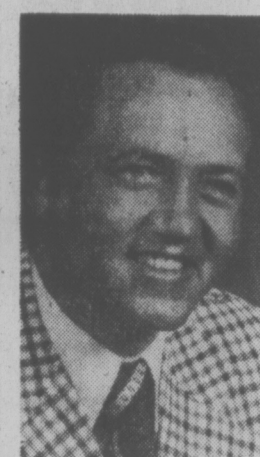
"That is \$20,000 for each player who makes the WHA or NHL," he said. "That sounds like a lot of money but

for the 60 per cent of players who go to the minor leagues of pro hockey, we get almost nothing."

"We can live with the proposed draft fee and the \$4,000 signing payment," he said, but the major junior leagues would rather have the remaining \$15,000 spread out over five years.

The last meeting between NHL and major junior representatives took place during the 1976 Memorial Cup final and no new meeting is scheduled.

The WHA has not made any proposals on development money, Chynoweth said, "but the WHA teams and WHA players who graduated from our three leagues have been better at paying the contracted amounts than the NHL has."



ED CHYNOWETH  
... suit against Chapman

## SHIELDS FOURTH IN SKATE TRIALS

REGINA — David Shields of Victoria was in fourth place over-all following the second day of the national speedskating time trials here Tuesday.

The trials resume Thursday and Friday and then shift to Saskatoon next week.

Shields posted a time of 5:36.1 in the 3,000 metres, added a 43.2 in the 500 metres and had 8:51.3 in the 5,000 metres.

Craig Webster of Regina

won the men's 3,000 metres with a time of 4:47.6, well off the Canadian record of 4:40.9 set in 1974 by Andrew Barron of Edmonton. Barron finished second in 4:51.8.

Sylvia Burka of Winnipeg, the 1976 senior women's world champion, won the 500 metres in 47.7 — missing her own Canadian mark by 2.9 seconds.

## HALL TAKES JOHN'S SHIRT

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is literally taking the shirt off John Havlicek's back.

The Hall has announced it acquired Havlicek's Boston Celtics uniform.

Havlicek, a 15-year veteran who has played more games than any other player in NBA history, is the first to have his high school, college and pro uniforms on display at the hall.



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## Blackpool Runs Streak to 14

LONDON (Reuter) — Blackpool moved up one spot to fourth place in the English Football League Second Division standings with a scoreless draw at Burnley Tuesday.

A 19,640 crowd, the best of the season at Burnley, saw Blackpool extend its run of unbeaten league matches to 14.

Two Blackpool players were booked for fouls.

## North Shore Stops Braves

NORTH VANCOUVER — Saanich Metro Toyota Braves had their record evened at 1-1 by suffering a 5-1 setback at the hands of host North Shore Winter Club in the North Shore invitational midget hockey tournament here Tuesday.

Randy Wickware managed the only Saanich goal as North Shore outshot the Islanders 48-14.

Saanich was scheduled to face Edmonton today.

## HOCKEY TRAIL

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Nova Scotia 5, New Haven 4.  
CENTRAL LEAGUE  
Dallas 6, Tulsa 2.  
WESTERN INTERNATIONAL  
Cranbrook 6, Kimberley 1.  
B.C. JUNIOR  
Kelowna 10, Merritt 3.  
PACIFIC JUNIOR  
Richmond 16, Norwex 0.  
WORLD JUNIOR TOURNEY  
Canada 5, Sweden 2.  
Soviet Union 2, W. Germany 1.  
Finland 5, Poland 2.  
Czechoslovakia 5, U.S. 2.

## Hanna Sets Pace In Point Race

Several players will be trying to close the gap on individual scoring leader Doug Hanna of Lake Cowichan Lakers when play resumes Monday after the South Island Big Six Hockey League's Christmas break.

Hanna leads the league both in goals (23) and assists (28) for a high of 51 points.

Bob Martin of Maple Leafs is running a close second with 48 points and Randy Krantz of

Western Homes Buckaroos is third at 43.

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Assorted Acrylic Sweaters in pullover and cardigan styles. Not all sizes 8 to 16 in all styles and all colours of blue, green, rust, brown, navy, beige.

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Scrubie Denim Shirts with long sleeves and snap closing. Sizes 14 and 16.

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Boys' Wear, Third

## CHILDREN'S SHOES

Assorted Shoes include ties and T-straps in a broken size range. Tan colours.

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Children's Boots are mostly brown in a broken size range. Small sizes in white, red and blue. Not all sizes in all colours.

To clear, 30% off

Children's Slippers in assorted styles. Not all sizes in all colours of white, blue, pink and red.

To clear, 2.49

Children's Shoes, Second

## TOY FACTORY CLEARANCE

Prices greatly reduced on a good selection of popular toys for boys and girls. Shop early for best choice of the Red Tag values!

Toy factory, Third Floor

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Assorted Plaques for walls or doors.

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Stationery, Main

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To clear, 12.99

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To clear, 19.99

Solaray Back Massager. Was 39.99.

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To clear, 19.99

Braun Pistol Hair Styler/Dryer. 350 watts. 3-year warranty. Was 26.95.

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To clear, 1/3 off

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To clear, 1/3 off

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To clear, 1/3 off

Health & Beauty Aids, Main Floor

## MEN'S WEAR

100% Wool Vested Suits are 3-piece with 2-button single breasted jacket with centre vent, vest and pants. Assorted plains and patterns in broken sizes 38 to 44. Alterations extra.

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3-Piece Leisure Suits with safari style jacket, 4-button vest and regular cut pants. 55% polyester/30% wool/15% acetate in grey or brown tweed patterns. 38 to 44.

To clear, Jacket 34.99 Pant 14.99 Vest 9.99

Dress Topcoats with 3 button front, flap pockets and center vent. Included are coats from such famous makers as Gloverall and Croydon. Wool and wool blends in beige, grey, loden and brown tweed. Not all sizes. 38 to 44 in all styles. Were \$100 to \$150.

To clear, 1/3 off

Dress Shirts by Forsyth and Van Heusen. Long sleeve, polyester/cotton shirts in assorted colour plains and patterns. Sizes 14 1/2 to 17.

Long Sleeve Sport Shirts in assorted fancy patterns. Broken sizes.

To clear, 9.99

Men's Pyjamas in an assortment that includes long sleeve jacket with long leg bottom and short sleeve jacket with short leg bottom. Assorted colour patterns and plains.

To clear, 7.99

Ties. Polyester in assorted colours and patterns.

To clear, 3.99

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Men's Wear, Main Floor

## FROM "317"

Britannia Jeans and Cords at a terrific low price. Jean style denims in assorted sizes.

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To clear, 49.99

"317," Main Floor

## MEN'S WINTER FOOTWEAR 1/3 OFF

Our entire assortment of winter boots are red tagged to clear. Included are lace front, inside zipper and pull-on styles. Black and brown in broken sizes.

Men's Shoes, Main Floor

## ACCESSORY FURNITURE

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To clear, \$197

Rattan Chair in white with cushions. Regular 109.99.

To clear, \$89

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To clear, \$199

Low Wing Chairs have brown enamel tubing with cotton duck fabric. Reg. \$39.

To clear, \$29

Bar Stools are 28 inches high with chrome legs and black vinyl seat. 50 only, regular 31.99 each.

To clear, 24.99

Furniture, Fourth Floor

## FURNITURE CLEARANCE CORNER 15% OFF

All furniture pieces in the 4th floor clearance corner reduced 15% for extra savings!

## FLOOR COVERINGS

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To clear, 7.99

Floor Coverings, Fourth

## FLOOR SAMPLE TV's, STEREOS and APPLIANCES 10% OFF

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Fourth Floor

## SEWING MACHINES

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To clear, \$659

Sewing Machines, Fourth

## FLOOR CARE CENTRE

Hoover Power Head rolls on castors. 12 amp. motor for powerful suction.

To clear, \$179

Baycrest Power Head Vacuum floats on air. Accessories included. 1 only, was \$164.

To clear, \$99

Hoover Dial-a-matic Upright is adjustable for any type of carpet. Reg. \$249.

To clear, \$199

Floor Care Centre, Fourth

## BEDSPREADS

Quilted Bedspreads are discontinued lines in assorted patterns and plains. Double, was 59.98.

To clear, 39.99

Queen, was 69.98.

To clear, 49.99

Bedspreads, Fourth

## PICTURE FRAMES

Gilttone Frames are 18"x24" size, regular 8.70. Automatic Frames in black or white in either horizontal or vertical style. Regular 7.50.

To clear, 5.99

Gallery, Fourth Floor

## STAPLES

Bathroom Tank Sets are 100% polyester in assorted colours.

To clear, 3.99

Fieldcrest Contour Bath Mats are 100% nylon pile in assorted colours.

To clear, 12.99

Texmade Pillow Cases are 42"x43" king size in white. 50% polyester/50% cotton. Package of 2.

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Staples, Third Floor

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Big Angler Broom with flare tip bristles. Orange or green.

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To clear, 7.99

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To clear, 16.99

Housewares & China, Third

## BAYMART

Teeners' Long Skirts with back zip. Wool/acetate and wool/polyester blends. Red/white or blue/white checks and donagel tweeds. Broken sizes.

To clear, 6.99

Teeners' Casual Shoes are leather in tan colour. Included are wedgies with T-strap and closed heel, tie style loafers, buckle strap slip-on with sling back strap. Sizes 5 to 9.

To clear, 9.99



GINNELL  
... no guilty feelingWACHTIN  
... he had friends

Max is looking forward  
to an interesting year  
and one thing is sure:  
he'll score some points  
but get the needle  
right back from readers



Cranston ... much more than a skater

## Always Too This, Too That ... But That's Newspapering

One thing more than any others I am left to reflect on as this year draws to a close:

You can't please all the people all of the time!

But perhaps you wouldn't want to.

It has been an interesting year for me and I'm looking forward to 1977 and all the equally interesting people I will meet.

This year, I enjoyed chatting with the Lighthouse Philosopher Bill Scott, discussing the future with Technocrat Joe Gibson, visiting Habitat Forum in Vancouver, taking in the exciting sights of Toronto, meeting and then watching the fabulous skater Toller Cranston, and coming eye to eye with Gentle Ben the Beelzebub, the cross between a domestic beef animal and a buffalo who restored my faith in bulls. And many others.

It has also been a year of some conflict.

My series of columns on the construction of the Trident nuclear sub base in Bangor, Washington, only 60 air miles south of Victoria, and the Pacific Life Community's battle

max  
low

against it, brought a lot of reaction.

There were letters, supporting the PLC but more from readers accusing me of being anti-U.S. while tolerating the Soviet arms buildup.

My job at the Ontario-based paper Canada GunSport upset a few gun enthusiasts, and at my rather trivial suggestion that we all order arms by mail from the magazine (which carries ads for all kinds of military-style weap-

ons) and polish off the politicians we don't like, GunSport editor and publisher Ted Dentay blew his cannon.

That, said the humorless Dentay, was giving criminal counsel. Then he added hastily, in an almost full-page attack on me in GunSport, my column had backfired because since it appeared gun sales on Vancouver Island and subscriptions to his paper had boomed!

There were many other reactions.

My profile on Pat Ginnell, Cougar owner and coach during a time of incidents of violence in junior hockey, brought charges that I "support this kind of thing." I don't.

A recent column on the plight of 18-year-old Janice Zale, sentenced to four years in the maximum security Kingston Penitentiary on her first drug-related offence, brought a hostile phone call from a Victoria man who said his son died because of heroin.

Some readers felt I was too kind to Victoria lawyer Doug

Christie, who is founder and chairman of the committee for Western Independence.

"You did not pick him up on some points which he glossed over," said one writer.

No sir. Perhaps I didn't. But that doesn't mean I agree with all he said. I don't. I was merely telling his story. And sometimes it is far too easy to poke fun at people who take a different stand and dismiss them as cranks. Sometimes it's better to tell it straight.

Even my attempt to be light and amusing at Christmas time backfired when at least one man became upset at the column on the lack of Yuletide spirit in parking meter men.

"I have," the reader promptly announced in a letter to the Editor, "a can in my back yard with similar content."

Marvelous, that bit! And they all show, these reactions, that people are reading and caring enough to bother to phone or to write whether for or against. And that's good. Keep them coming!

The people you meet each

year can be interesting or controversial. But most of all, I like them to be human. And this year I think there were people in four stories who moved me more than all the others.

There was Benny Foster, the heroin addict for 21 years, who is putting so much love into running his soup kitchen for down-and-outs in the Upper Room.

There was Christie the lawyer who, though nervous as hell, went into Wilkinson Road Jail to act as a go-between in a tense hostage-taking drama and cooled the prisoners' nerves by saying: "Let's play ping-pong." And they did.

There were the people of Shawnigan Lake Village who responded with the true community spirit of giving gifts and warmth when relative newcomers Steve and Joan Wachin and their children lost their home and all their possessions in a fire.

And there was the courage and sheer guts of a little big man named John Montgomery Clark, the school teacher from Oak Bay who, though crippled since birth, is now at the age of 45 realizing his lifelong dream of owning and flying his own small plane.

As you reflect on the kind of year you had in 1976 and think perhaps of the things you would like to achieve in 1977, I will leave you with this thought from John Clark:

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## It's AIB New Year —Watch Balloons Pop

Like most things, the price of celebrating New Year's Eve is up this year.

But for hundreds of Victoria residents, the only thought of anti-inflation principles seems to be a determination to pop as many party balloons as possible.

Almost all restaurants, night clubs and hotels today reported heavy bookings for their New Year's Eve festivities.

Price has been no deterrent at all in the most expensive place in town, the Empress Hotel, where the dinner-dances in both the dining

room and ballroom—at \$30 per person—are already sold out.

"And we have a long waiting list," said public relations officer Dorothy Cook.

But the hotel's basement discotheque, Tiffany's, is still taking reservations for its \$6-a-head dance, where food isn't included.

For those attending either of the two dinner-dance affairs, the hotel offers a couple-price double room for \$15, making the grand total \$75 for a night's revelry.

At the Royal Oak Inn in Saanich the tab for the New Year's dinner dance is \$15

per couple, cheaper than The Empress, but overnight accommodation and brunch the next day pushes the bill up to the same \$75 level.

A Royal Oak spokesman said there are only "four or five" double tickets left.

Up to 500 guests are expected at the Stardust Cabaret, where the \$30 per couple charge includes hot and cold buffet, dancing to 2 a.m. and party favors.

At the Old Forge and Red Lion night spots the cost is \$15 per couple, but that doesn't include a meal. "Dress appropriately please," is the request from the Red Lion.

## ASK THE TIMES

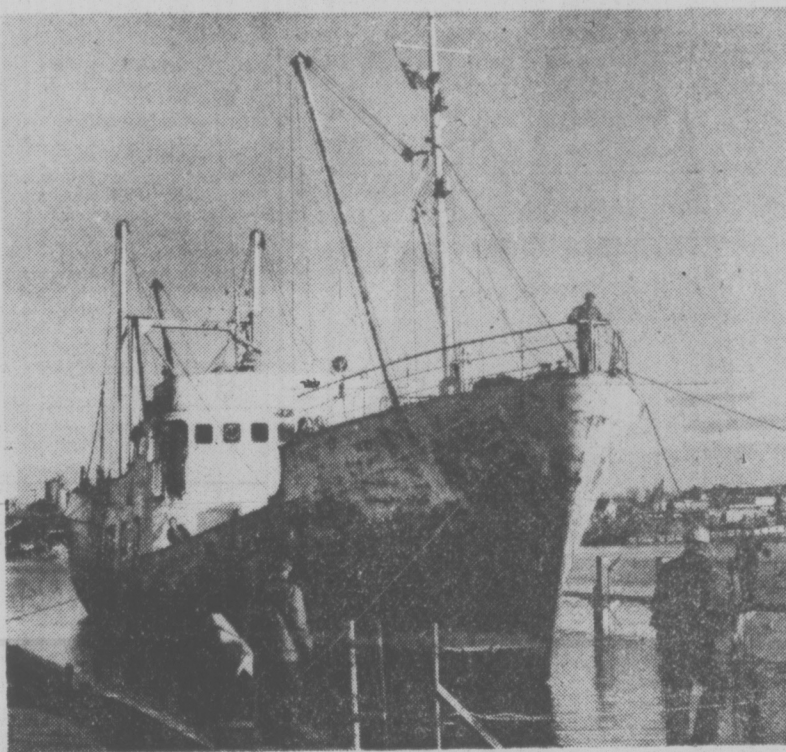
Q. I have quite a number of paperback books in good condition — a lot of them by Agatha Christie — that I would like to pass on to men on ships. Whom would I get in touch with? — C.C.

A. You could send or deliver the books to the Stores Manager, Ministry of Transport, 202 Harbor, marked for weatherstrips or lightkeepers. Magazines are also welcome to help pass off-watch time during a weather ship's seven-week stint on Station P.

Q. Can you tell me why the leaves on some oak trees (in the same yard) don't fall until

a long time after all the rest have?

A. The Pacific Forest Research Centre says it depends on the growth or stage of growth of the tree. Young growth tends to hold leaves longer. That's the main cause but nutrients and exposure also have a bearing.



She's Known  
Better Days

Once the plaything of dime-store heiress Barbara Hutton, the 139-foot rusting dragger Noranga went up on the ways for work at Seaspan here today. The Noranga began her career in 1959 as the Sea Search. She was built for \$250,000 in Aberdeen, Scotland. Several years ago she sank in the Queen Charlottes. Owned by Gerry Halliday of Nanaimo, she was raised and refitted at Cowichan Bay, and now earns her keep as a commercial dragger.

## Oak Bay Switch By LRB

By MIKE HUGHES  
Times Staff

The B.C. Labor Relations Board has reversed its earlier decision and ruled that the Canadian Union of Public Employees should represent new Oak Bay Parks and Recreation Commission employees.

The board ruled in July that a representation vote be conducted in a bargaining unit described as "employees at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre."

CUPE Local 511, which represents inside and outside workers in Oak Bay, appealed that decision and a hearing was held Dec. 14.

The board said it reversed its ruling because in the first instance "the essential issues in this case were obscured and misconceived."

The board then ruled that a representation vote is inappropriate and that an application for certification by the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 882, "ought never to have been seriously entertained by the board."

The board also directed Oak Bay, CUPE, and other interested parties to make submissions as to which of the existing bargaining units — the inside or outside workers — should include the new employees.

At the present time there are about 31 inside workers and 57 outside workers.

The problem leading up to the board decision developed when the parks and recreation commission added a Senior Citizens Centre in 1970, the Henderson Park Recreation Centre in 1971 and the major recreation centre last year.

About 34 new jobs were created by these new facilities.

A number of these new employees belonged to CUPE, others joined the operating engineers union and the remainder are uncommitted and belong to neither union.

In 1974, CUPE applied to the board for a ruling as to

whether employees at Henderson Park and the senior citizens centre were included in the inside staff bargaining unit.

The matter was dropped when Oak Bay said the issue could be resolved without the board's interference.

However, negotiations broke down and in September, 1975, CUPE applied again, this time for all employees at the several "Oak Bay" recreation complexes.

Oak Bay's position at that time was that recreation commission employees should form a separate bargaining unit.

At about this time, the operating engineers were organizing certain of the maintenance staff and late in 1975 the union applied to be certified for a unit of employees described as "maintenance employees operating and servicing the physical plant and buildings."

Because of the number of applications, the board held a hearing and then ordered a representation vote.

In making its ruling, the board quoted previous decisions to show that a strong case can be made against changing a settled and existing bargaining unit.

"The units that now exist for inside and outside staff are sufficient for purposes of the conduct of collective bargaining."

"To add a third unit would constitute further fragmentation, exacerbate labor relationships, and create the potential for fresh difficulties."

"We are not persuaded that there is a sufficient degree of disparity between employees in the two existing units and the new employees that no community of interest exists."

## Police Cars Take Beating

Central Saanich police mobility was reduced by 50 per cent after one of the force's two cars was in an accident Tuesday afternoon.

A police spokesman said Const. James Earl was on patrol when his cruiser was in collision with a car at Central Saanich and Mount Newton Crossroad at 4 p.m.

Neither Earl nor the driver of the other car, Bert Underwood, were injured but police estimate damage to the vehicles at about \$2,000 each.

The accident was the third since Monday involving Greater Victoria police cars.

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, a Colwood RCMP car driven by Constable Marlene Collins was in collision with a car at Goldstream and Millstream.

Police said Collins was taking a prisoner to the city lock-up at the time.

The unidentified prisoner and the driver of the other car, Douglas William Pelkey, 27, of 2865 Knotty Pine, received minor cuts and scrapes.

Damage to the police car was estimated at \$500; to Pelkey's vehicle, \$800.

On Monday, Saanich police Constable Robert Love suffered bruised ribs when his cruiser collided with a car at Richmond and Wadley Road.

In other area accidents, three persons received minor injuries when two cars collided at Pat Bay Highway and McDonald Park Road Thursday afternoon.

Sidney RCMP identified the driver of one of the cars as Mrs. Grace Guthbert, 70, of 2049 White Birch Road. The name of the driver of the other car was not available.

## LOCAL SHIP MOVEMENTS

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Cansell and Racer in refit, Douglas in the Fraser River, Vancouver in port, Ready in Gulf Islands patrol area, Quadra on Station Papa, Rider at Kitsilano.

MARINE SCIENCES

Parizeau in Esquimalt; Pandora II, Vector and Richardson at Pat Bay.

## February Phenomenon: The Great Hawaii Hang-Up

By AL FORREST  
Times Staff

Out of the thousands of phone calls I made during 1976, I have five favorites.

They stand out for any number of reasons. One was a k e Women's Libbers squal. Another was good for a laugh. A third made me shiver in envy.

From a professional viewpoint, the favorite calls are those that begin: "Do you want a line story?"

Or the prominent politician

who steps in the middle of an interview and says "I'm not supposed to tell you this but ..." and another headline is born.

But the calls that are remembered at year's end are the unusual ones.

For example, last February in trying to get reaction from businessmen about some government pronouncement a series of six calls were made early one Friday afternoon.

Four of the six businessmen were out of town, one in Ari-

zona and the other three in Hawaii.

The fifth businessman said "No, I'm not in Hawaii but I wish I was, I just got back."

But the topper was the sixth call. "Well, I'll comment," he said. "But would you please make it fast. I'm knocking off early this afternoon because I'm flying to Hawaii tomorrow."

A reporter who has had to scrape the ice off his windshield and drive slowly to keep from skidding can't help

but remember a call like that.

But still it ranks only in fifth place among the memorable calls during 1976.

In fourth place was the call to Ottawa to reach a cabinet minister only to have a secretary answer in French. When the B.C. operator asked the secretary to repeat her message in English it was repeated in French.

The operator tried a third time, again with no English translation.

The B.C. operator finally

gave up, saying, "I'm sorry, sir, I only took French for two years and I never got better than C minus. I haven't got a clue what she is trying to tell me."

A rather bizarre episode, but still only in fourth place among the year's memorable calls.

In third place was a secretary in Vancouver who said her employer was already out to lunch and wouldn't be back until 1:30 p.m.

"What time will that be in

Victoria?" she asked. Many Vancouverites believe we live in a different world over here but most of them are aware we are in the same time zone.

In second place was a call that confirmed the suspicions many people have of the civil service.

A government employee was giving out data when he was asked for the significance of an unusual increase in one area.

"Well," he said, "I think

that ... oops, I almost forgot. I'm not supposed to think."

In first place by a country mile was the call to a business office trying to reach the president. He wasn't there, was the vice-president. In addition, the major department heads were all attending some conference.

"I'm sorry, sir," a secretary said. "There's nobody here who knows anything. There's just a bunch of women here."

A memorable call.



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**ICE CREAM** 259¢  
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## Cabbage—Old Reliable

Just about any cook worth his salt knows that cabbage is an old reliable. It ranks as one of the most popular of all the vegetables that appear on the family dinner table... with many a good reason. The lovable cabbage head is economical and adaptable to numerous ways of preparing, either raw or cooked.

A head of winter cabbage may be round or oval, pointed or flat, white or reddish purple, depending on the variety. Cabbage is sold by the head or by the pound. The firmer and the heavier it is, the more eating it provides. For six servings, buy one small head, about two pounds. Store it in the refrigerator in a closed container or moisture-proof bag and plan to use it within two weeks. To prepare cabbage, wash it well under running water, trim the outer leaves and the stem. Cut in wedges (leaving the portion of heart attached) or cut in chunks, or shred.

**BOILED CABBAGE**  
 6 wedges or  
 6 cups shredded cabbage  
 (about 2 pounds)  
 1/2 cup boiling water  
 1/4 teaspoon salt

**WEDGES:** Arrange cabbage in saucepan. Add boiling water and sprinkle with salt. Cover, return water quickly to boil. Reduce heat and boil gently until just tender (10 to 15 minutes). Drain and serve with butter if desired. 6 servings.

**SHREDDED:** Add cabbage

to boiling water in saucepan and sprinkle with salt. Cover and cook as above (6 to 8 minutes). Drain and serve with butter if desired. 6 servings.

**PANNED CABBAGE**  
 6 wedges OR  
 6 cups shredded cabbage  
 (about 2 pounds)  
 1/4 cup butter, melted  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 3 tablespoons water

Combine cabbage and butter. Sprinkle with salt and water. Cover and heat quickly to form steam. Reduce heat and cook gently until tender (8 minutes for shredded and 12 to 14 minutes for wedges). 6 servings.

**RED CABBAGE AND APPLES**  
 1 medium head red cabbage (about 2 pounds)  
 1/4 cup butter, melted  
 1/2 cup chopped onion  
 1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
 1 teaspoon sugar  
 1/2 cup vinegar  
 1 1/2 cups chopped, peeled apples  
 Dairy sour cream (optional)

Shred cabbage coarsely. Combine cabbage, butter, onion, seasonings, sugar and vinegar. Cover and cook 20 minutes over low heat, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Add apples, cover and cook until cabbage is tender (about 20 minutes), stirring occasionally. Top with sour cream. 6 servings.



Colorful cranberry mousseline has cranberry sauce topping

## Ideal Dessert for New Year

Mary Moore

For the past two or three years I have been giving you a colorful alternate for dessert to steamed puddings for holiday dinners.

Many Canadians do not want rich heavy puddings after a sumptuous main course and have written thanking me for my lighter holiday desserts.

In December, 1975, I gave you Apples Cardinal with a Custard Sauce and Raspberry Angel Party Dessert. In 1974 I gave Air Canada's Cheese Cake.

Today for dessert for New Year's dinner I have a red and white beauty called Cranberry Mousse which may be made one day in advance.

**CRANBERRY MOUSSE WITH**

**CARDINAL CRANBERRY SAUCE**

1 lb. (4c.) raw cranberries  
 2 c. sugar (first amount)  
 2 c. water  
 1/4 tsp. red food coloring  
 1 1/2 tsp. sugar (second amount)  
 1 1/2 tsp. arrowroot (or 2 tsp. cornstarch)  
 2 c. milk  
 2 envelopes plain gelatin  
 1/4 c. sugar (third amount)  
 1 tsp. pure orange extract  
 1/2 pint whipping (32%) cream

Make Whole Cranberry Sauce by bringing to boil the 2 cups sugar and water. Add cranberries, bring to just below boiling, cover and simmer 2 minutes, gently stirring once, then turn off heat and allow to stand over turned-off burner until room temperature. Remove from heat, and

add red food coloring. Now carefully skim out with slotted spoon, 1 1/2 cups whole cranberries. Reserve both remaining sauce and the whole cranberries which should be well drained. The Sauce is a topping for the Mousse later at the table.

Sprinkle gelatin and the 1/4 cup sugar over the milk and heat, stirring to dissolve gelatin and sugar. Stir together thoroughly the 1 1/2 tablespoons sugar and arrowroot (or corn

starch if used) and sprinkle over milk-gelatin mixture and stir in with wire whip until thickened. Remove from heat, cool in pan of ice water. Add orange extract and chill in refrigerator until consistency of liquid honey. Do not allow it to set firmly.

Whip cream, until fairly stiff. Give the milk-gelatin mixture a good beating with a wire whip then fold in whipped cream. Now FOLD in the 1 1/2 cups drained whole

cooked cranberries which you have reserved. Turn into a 5 or 6-cup mould and chill, covered until firm.

At mealtime immerse mould in hot water and count to five. Then turn out onto a fancy dessert plate or a pedestal dish if you have one. Now skim out about 18 or 20 cranberries from reserved sauce, drain them well and place in a ring, like beads, around bottom edge of mould to decorate.

When serving place a big spoonful on each dessert plate and top generously with Cardinal Cranberry Sauce. This is beautiful and popular.



your health

By Lester L. Coleman, M.D.  
 Can you tell me anything about the new method of treating heart attacks by giving a patient a tablet of aspirin a day? This was suggested to my father. I don't understand it. — Mr. E.M.B.  
 Dear Mr. B.: You may be confused because the use of aspirin is not meant to treat

heart attacks, but rather in some instances, to prevent it. It is known that aspirin has a blood-thinning tendency. Very recently, cardiologists have been prescribing small daily doses of aspirin in an effort to reduce mortality from recurring heart attacks and strokes.

A very extensive study is now in progress to prove or disprove the value of aspirin for this purpose. The National Heart, Lung and Blood Insti-

tute has enrolled almost 5,000 volunteers between the ages of 20 and 70 for this extensive investigation. It is expected that the results of this research project will be definitively stated within the next four or five years.

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# Sugar and Honey Are Not Sources of Quick Energy

By RUTH FREMES  
and ZAK SABRY

We receive many letters and have tried to answer them all. At times the volume of mail was so high that our answers were delayed.

Because we have an understanding readership and we don't want our mail to slow down, we will answer some of the questions that are asked frequently right here in our column. Here are two:

**Dear Ruth and Zak:** I am puzzled by many statements in your column on sugars. Are sugars not carbohydrates? And are carbohydrates not essential foods?

I understand that the sugars of honey are almost entirely simple invert sugars, levulose and dextrose. Isn't dextrose the form in which sugar reaches the blood and muscles to be used to produce muscular energy and heat? Isn't it also true that since this dextrose is so readily assimilated, honey has an advantage over other sources as

a quick energy food? H.D. — Stony Creek, Ont.

**Dear H.D.:** Yes, sugars are carbohydrates. Table sugar (or sucrose) is made up of two simple sugars: glucose (or dextrose) which is the form of sugar in the blood and fructose (or levulose) which should be converted in the body to glucose. The capacity of our tissues to convert fructose to glucose is limited, however. So, if we eat a great deal of fructose (or the fructose-containing table sugar) the body may change a limited amount to glucose and the rest will be converted to fat. Because of this conversion to fat, we are concerned about the overconsumption of table sugar and syrups, honey, jams and jellies.

You are correct in pointing out that the sugar in honey is invert sugar which is made up of equal amounts of glucose and fructose. However, the nutritional effect of eating invert sugar is similar to that of sucrose. It really makes no

difference whether you sweeten your food with table sugar or honey. The net result will be glucose and fructose in the intestine.

Neither sugar nor honey can be considered sources of quick energy. It takes time for sugar to get from the mouth to the muscle. In reality, the muscle uses glucose which was stored in the body as glycogen. Glycogen is a starch-like substance formed by and stored in the muscle tissue. It is the energy food the athlete ate hours before an exercise that is being used; not the sugar he gobbles just before the event.

Yes, carbohydrates are essential, but not necessarily in the form of table sugar or honey. The body can make all the glucose it needs from starch, which is made up totally of glucose. Glucose also occurs naturally in many fruits and the body can get some glucose by converting the sugars in milk or indeed, in reasonable amounts of



honey, syrup, jams and jellies. In addition, the body converts some of the amino acids from proteins into glucose.

We do not advocate that anyone eliminate sugar entirely. We do recommend eating more natural forms of carbohydrate-like cereals and breads which come complete with vitamins and minerals; and less refined foods like sugar, jams, jellies or honey which are simply sucrose or invert sugar and nothing more.

**Dear Ruth and Zak:** My three-year-old refuses to eat and drink milk, meat, fish and vegetables. She loves oatmeal porridge, orange juice,

cheese and peanut butter and honey. How can I encourage her to eat more nutritionally? A. R. — Kitchener, Ont.

**Dear A. R.:** Who is running your kitchen, your three-year-old or you? In our opinion, you must just encourage her to eat nutritious food, you must give her only nutritious foods and in a balanced way.

All of the foods she enjoys, thank goodness, are nourishing. Keep up the good work but — include milk, meat, fish, fowl, eggs, whole grains, vegetables and fruits every day. Your three-year-old will be in her teens and twenties before you know it.

Nutrition surveys are point-

ing to the alarming numbers of girls who are malnourished. They will be very poor risks when they are pregnant and afterwards. Now is the time to prevent an eating pattern from developing and you can do it by being consistently firm about eating a balanced diet. You wouldn't let her decide when to cross the street — neither should you let her decide what and when to eat.

Eating needn't be a time for family friction, however. Being firm can be quite a pleasant time for you and her. Let her know that you mean business and then include her in the meal and snack preparation. Let her clean the beans, make the meat patties, mix the powdered milk. Have her arrange the fresh vegetables on a plate, tear the lettuce greens for the family salad.

Let her tell you when she doesn't like the way a food is prepared. Ask her suggestions for alternate ways of serving

the same food. "Alright, you don't like sliced carrots, or stewed tomatoes, but you must have some" every day. Have you any suggestions for how you would like them?"

Too often, food is used as punishment and reward by a frustrated parent. We certainly

wouldn't like to see this develop for you.

You do know best, however, and as soon as she can show you that she will choose a balanced diet — (and this can happen at a surprisingly young age) — you can stop reminding her.



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## Give Organ Meats a Chance

Organ meats include liver, kidney, heart, tongue, sweetbreads, brains and tripe. Perhaps we should blame the dictionary for the minor role these cuts of meat have played for centuries in our diets. Organ meats are known as "offal" which is defined as the waste parts of a butchered animal, as by-products, or as less valuable portions. Shame on you who believe every word in the dictionary. Give the organ meats a chance.

Not only are organ meats as delicious and as pleasing to the palate as the outer cuts but they're good for you in terms of economy and nutritive value. Liver and kidney are especially rich sources of iron — a mineral found to be lacking in the diets of many Canadians by the Nutrition Canada survey. Iron is essen-

tial for the formation of hemoglobin in the red blood cells which carry oxygen from the lungs to all parts of the body. A lack of this mineral may result in symptoms of fatigue and listlessness.

Organ meats are more perishable than other meats and should be used immediately after purchase, or frozen up to three to four months. If "previously frozen," use as soon as possible and do not refreeze. Liver is a tender meat but there is some variation in the tenderness and flavor of the different types. Calf is the mildest, most tender and highest priced liver. Pork liver is stronger flavored than beef liver. Liver may be cooked medium done (light pink in centre) or well done (when pink color has just disappeared). Whether baked, braised or broiled, liver should never be overcooked or it will become tough. Allow ¼ to ½ pound per serving.

Kidney is another organ meat that, if properly prepared, can be juicy and flavorful. Beef and pork kidneys are strong in flavor but for a milder flavor may be soaked in cold, salted water (1 tablespoon salt to 4 cups water) or marinated in a French dressing in the refrigerator for an hour before cooking. They are best covered and braised or stewed. Lamb and veal kidneys are more tender and milder in flavor and should be cooked briefly, either broiled, pan-fried or lightly browned and braised for a few minutes in a flavorful sauce. Remember that kidney toughens when overcooked. For best color, brown a small amount at a time. Allow about ½ pound per serving.

Every chef has his own unique ways of dealing with

variety meats, but Food Advisory Division, Agriculture Canada, suggests that you try this "kidney and vegetable medley," served over buttered noodles. You should also try the "marinated liver" recipe, which has its origin in Spain.

### KIDNEY AND VEGETABLE MEDLEY

1½ pounds pork kidney  
½ cup sliced onion  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 tablespoon soy sauce  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
½ cup sliced celery  
½ cup thinly sliced carrot  
1 10-ounce can mushrooms  
3 cups cooked thin noodles  
(6 ounces uncooked)

Remove membranes from kidney and cut in ½-inch slices. Sauté kidney and onion in butter until onion is transparent. Add remaining ingredients except noodles. Sauté until vegetables are tender (about 10 minutes). Serve over noodles. 6 servings.

### MARINATED LIVER

½ cup red wine vinegar  
½ cup oil  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
1 bay leaf  
½ teaspoon salt  
Dash pepper  
1½ pounds beef liver, cut in ½-inch strips  
6 slices bacon  
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley

Combine vinegar, oil and seasonings. Add liver and marinate at room temperature for 2 hours. Pan-fry bacon until crisp. Drain; reserving fat. Crumble bacon. Drain liver and cook in bacon fat about 4 minutes, stirring frequently. Combine bacon and liver in serving dish. Sprinkle with parsley. 6 servings.

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## \$1.2M RANSOM PAID

AVELLINO, Italy (UPI) — A 78-year-old Naples banker was released by kidnappers Tuesday for a ransom of \$1.2 million, police said.

Police said banker Lucio Antonio Fabbrocini was released before dawn near the village of Irpino east of Naples. Officers said Fabbrocini was in good condition and told them he was treated well.

Officers said Fabbrocini's release came about two hours after his family paid the ransom.

They had been asking a ransom of \$4.8 million since kidnapping Fabbrocini last week, police said.

## King Saves Freezing Woman

STOCKHOLM (AP) — King Carl XVI Gustaf and his Labrador dog Ali saved the life of a young Chinese woman they found unconscious and freezing in a snowdrift on Christmas Eve, palace sources said today.

The royal rescue occurred when the 30-year-old king was walking with the dog in sub-freezing temperatures in Stockholm's Ulrikadal Palace Park after enjoying a holiday dinner with Queen Silvia, his sister Princess Christina and her husband, the sources said.

The sources said the king carried her into the royal palace, where he and the others wrapped her in blankets and tried unsuccessfully to revive her. The king then called for police and an ambulance, and the woman was brought to Caroline Hospital.

Police identified the woman as a 21-year-old resident of Hong Kong, but they withheld her name.

# Photo Bares Bank-Robbing Hubby

## people

NEW YORK — Most wives are thrilled to see their husbands' photographs in the newspaper, but Alexander Gourline's wife felt no such pride when her husband's photo appeared in the New York Daily News.

It was a photograph of a bank robbery.

Police said Mrs. Gourline threatened to leave her husband if he didn't surrender to police. He turned himself in and was charged with five bank robberies, police said.

Gourline, 21, an unemployed lithographer, said his wife recognized the photo even though he has since shaved off a goatee he wore at the time.

LUSAKA, Zambia — Zambia's director of cultural services wants to abolish Christmas in the country. Alfred Mofya described celebrations of the birth of Jesus Christ as colonial and urged the ruling United National Independence party and the government to scrub the holiday season.

PITTSBURGH — Nineteen young persons were arrested during a melee which erupted at a sold-out rock concert, police said Tuesday.

The incident occurred at the Civic Arena performance of the group Lynyrd Skynyrd. The concert was attended by about 17,000 persons.

The crowd tried to crash the gates when it was announced that there were no more tickets available 10 minutes before the performance was scheduled to begin.

Police said intoxication was the main reason for the arrests. Most of the young people were released after a night in jail.

EDMONTON — The world premiere of the movie Why Shoot the Teacher is tentatively scheduled to be held here Feb. 23, co-producer Larry Herzog said Tuesday. He said it was hoped the film,

which stars Bud Cort and Samantha Eggar, would be shown in the new Citadel theatre. The film, made near Hanna, Alta., 130 miles north-east of Calgary, is based on the book by Max Braithwaite of the same name and was a joint venture of Fraser Films and the CTV television network. The movie tells the story of the comic misfortunes of a young school teacher (Bud Cort), who in 1935 arrives from the city to teach in a one-room schoolhouse in the middle of the windswept prairie in Saskatchewan.

NAIROBI — The son of Ugandan President Idi Amin, army Capt. Noor Amin, collapsed and died after a Boxing Day party Sunday, reports from Kampala said. He was 35. Noor Amin was celebrating with friends at an army barracks in the town of Jinja when he began vomiting blood, said reports reaching here Tuesday. He was dead on arrival at a hospital, the reports said. The cause of his death was not given.

SAN FRANCISCO — What does Santa Claus do for the rest of the year? A spot check of children two days after Christmas provides some enigmatic answers.

"He goes to Alaska to sleep — what else?" said Diane Mantalvo, 12, while he tried out his new bicycle Monday.

"He spends all year there, making toys."

KADOKA, S.D. — Residents of the Kadoka retirement home got a surprise in their latest shipment of foodstuffs from the federal government. Three pounds of roasted peanuts for each resident were shipped with the normal supplies of milk, margarine and

other foods for the first three months of 1977. Home administrator Noma Prang says she doesn't know what to do with the goobers. "So many of

our people don't have any teeth," she said. "And doctors say peanuts are hard to digest. I'll wait and see what I get on the next shipment."

Mrs. Prang said. "If we get them again I think I'll write to the president and tell him he can keep his peanuts in Georgia."

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MUNICH (UPI) — Fashion designer Main Rousseau Bocher, who created styles for women ranging from the Duchess of Windsor to the Girl Scouts, is dead at 86, hospital authorities said today.

The Munich Harington Hospital said Bocher died late Tuesday of double pneumonia. He had been treated in the hospital for about two months, a friend said.

Bocher was born in Chicago Oct. 24, 1890, as the son of a French businessman and his British wife.

He began his career as a musician, studying piano and singing, but lost his voice and switched to the study of art in Chicago, New York and Munich.

In 1922 he worked as an illustrator for Harper's Bazaar and later became an editor of Vogue Magazine in Paris until 1929.

He opened his own shop in Paris in 1930, but it was closed by the outbreak of the Second World War and he returned in 1940 to New York, where he opened a salon that dressed the rich and influential women of the world.

Among his clients were the

Duchess of Windsor, the former Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, for whom he created the shade of color called "Wallis Blue." Others were actresses Mary Martin, Helen Hayes and socialite Gloria Vanderbilt.

## The Men To Watch

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — Man Watchers Inc. has released its annual list of the world's "most watchable" men, ranging from singer-actor Kris Kristofferson to comic Chevy Chase.

The organization said a poll of its 2,000 members picked Kristofferson for his "beautiful eyes and body" and also included singer John Davidson, "who looks great in tight clothes," football player O. J. Simpson, sportscaster Don Meredith, actors Nick Nolte, James Garner, Richard Harris and Henry (Fonzie) Winkler and David Hartman, host of the "Good Morning, America" television show.

## LET'S MAKE A DEAL? THERE'S NO NEED TO

LAS VEGAS (UPI) — Some unofficial entries walked off with nearly \$3,500 worth of prizes from the "Let's Make a Deal" television show, and they didn't even have to dress like cucumbers or risk losing the bundle on a trade for a

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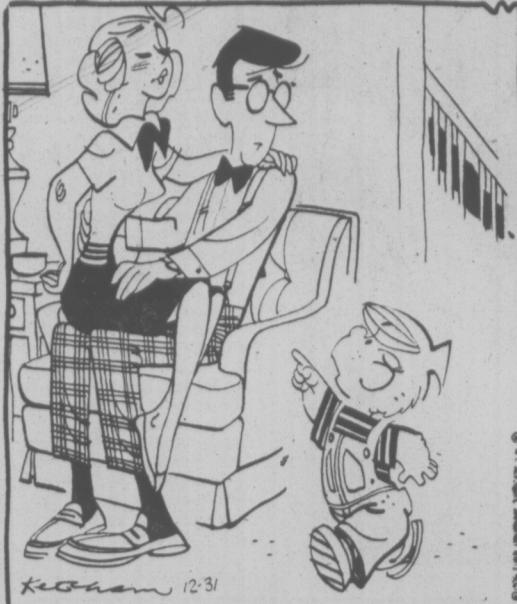


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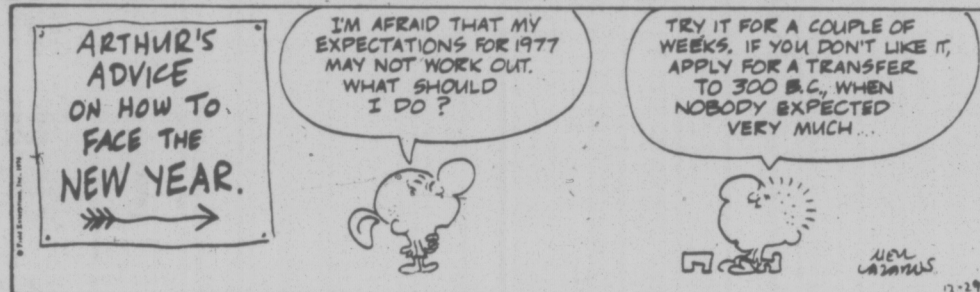
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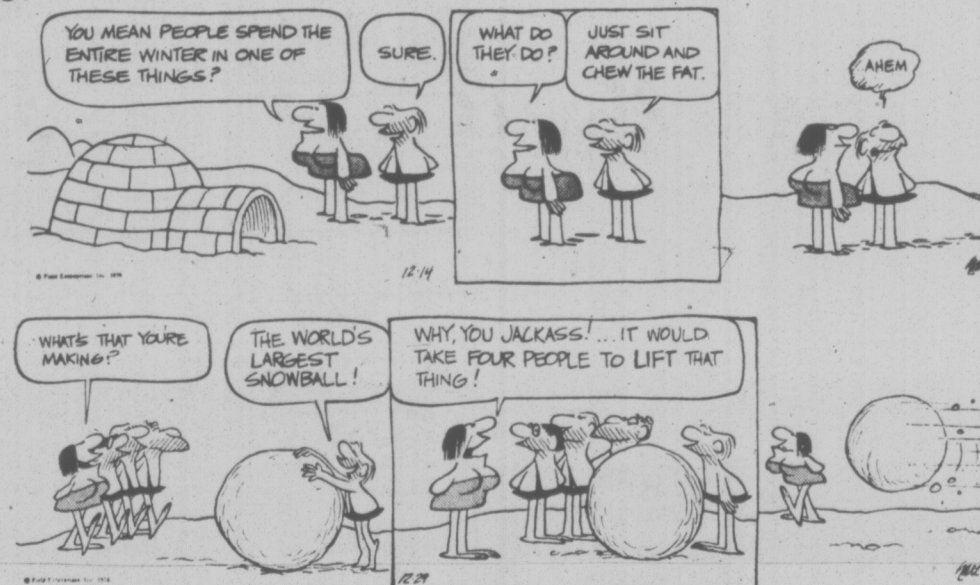
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## The Bridge Expert

By FRED KARPIN

More often than not, the bidding by a defender will be of greater use to his partner than it will be to declarer. But occasions arise when a defensive bid steers declarer into the winning line of play, which might well not have been found if the defensive side had not bid. The latter was the case in today's deal, which was played in a duplicate game.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 742  
 ♥ Q6  
 ♦ J104  
 ♣ AJ1085

**WEST** ♠ 996  
 ♥ AJ10973  
 ♦ 82  
 ♣ 73

**EAST** ♠ K83  
 ♥ 52  
 ♦ 97653  
 ♣ K42

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ AJ105  
 ♥ K84  
 ♦ AKQ  
 ♣ Q98

The bidding:  
 West North East South  
 2♥ Pass Pass 2NT  
 Pass 3NT Pass Pass  
 Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♥.

West's two-heart opening bid was what is known as the "weak two bid." It guaranteed a six-card suit (not five and not seven) within a hand that contained 6-12 high-card points. The prime objective of the bid was to preempt North-South out of bidding space. On

this day, however, North-South reached their proper game contract.

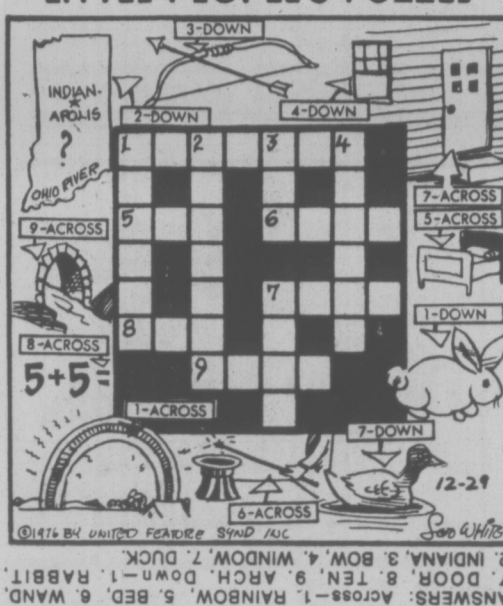
After West had opened the heart jack, and the dummy came into view, it was obvious to South that if West possessed the club king, then the contract would be fulfilled with ease. But if East had that all-important card, then precautionary measures had to be taken.

Based on the bidding, South knew that West had started with six hearts, headed in all probability, by the ace. Hence East had just two little hearts. If declarer won the opening lead with either dummy's queen or his own king, he would be in bad shape if East possessed the club king. East would then return his remaining heart, and West would cash five tricks in this suit.

So declarer allowed West's jack of hearts to win the first trick. Whatever West now played back, he could not prevent declarer from fulfilling his contract. A heart return (either the ace or a low one) would eliminate East's remaining heart; and when East obtained the lead with the club king, he would have no heart to play back.

Actually, at trick two, West led a low spade, East's king being taken by South's ace. Next came the club finesse, losing to East's king. East played back a spade. West's queen winning. West cashed his ace of hearts, and that was that.

## LITTLE PEOPLE'S PUZZLE



## YOUR HOROSCOPE

Astrological Forecast for Thursday, December 30  
 By SYDNEY OMARR

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Element of timing or luck is evident and in your corner. Expand, invest in your own talents, ideas. Contacts made can be valuable — turn on charm and display sense of humor. Gemini, Sagittarius persons figure prominently.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Obtain hint from Aries message. Exercise independence of thought, action. Break through red tape. Surprise element can be a valuable ally. Be direct, confident. Wear bright colors. State case — let others know you're here to stay.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Hospital, charitable institution, special group or organization — these could be part of your personal scenario. Closed door conference proves revealing and could free you of secret fears, doubts. Key is to be analytical: Find reasons — think and decide for yourself.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Accent on friendship that can be transformed into meaningful relationship. Means you discover — or rediscover — love. Domestic situation improves. Taurus, Libra and Taurus could figure prominently. A wish is fulfilled.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You have opportunity to present case to professional superior. Means door opens and you get foot in — make the most of it. Define terms, refine techniques. Be wary where your statements are concerned. There is tendency for others to misquote you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your influence is felt beyond immediate circle. Long-range projects are emphasized. Submit format, concept — get ideas organized and on paper. Capricorn, Cancer persons are very much in picture. Older individual would like to be taken into confidence.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Obtain valuable hint from Virgo message. Perceive beyond the immediate. Dig deep — avoid superficial conclusions. Love, emotion and money from trinity — assert yourself, maintain self-esteem. Aries makes major concession. Partner or mate concedes on financial issue.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Accent on rights, permissions, ability to bounce back from apparent rejection. Patience is your ally. New contact proves helpful — assert needs, let others understand your projections. You could

be amazed as Leo, Aquarius persons rush to your side, offering aid and comfort.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Basic issues dominate — strive for improved services. Become more knowledgeable about job, more understanding of colleagues, associates. Get together with one who is willing to collect, consolidate and pool assets.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Good lunar aspect coincides now with change, versatility, social activity, expanding horizons and personal popularity. Laughter can replace gloom — love, vitality, magnetism, attraction also are very much a part of scenario.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Build on base that has design, solid structure. Avoid haphazard procedures. Be specific, familiar with basic material. Emphasis on authority figures with waning influence. If thorough and gracious, a way is found for you to ascend ladder. You'll see!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Relatives, messages, short trips are on agenda. Member of opposite sex is very much in picture. Exchange of ideas proves stimulating. Gemini, Virgo individuals import information that can be utilized. Be analytical — put ideas in writing.

IF DECEMBER 30th IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you are dynamic, humorous, have a weight problem; you are artistic, fond of travel and popular with the opposite sex. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play important roles in your life. You'll be happier, have more opportunities to succeed in 1977. Domestic problems will be resolved — May will be your most significant month of the year.

## FUN WITH FIGURES

By J. A. H. HUNTER

Sam was walking up from his little deck when Judy met him. "A bit of exercise. I rowed to the bridge 3 miles downstream and back," he told her. "A steady 8 miles per hour each way."

"Sounds strenuous," Judy commented. "How long did it take you?"

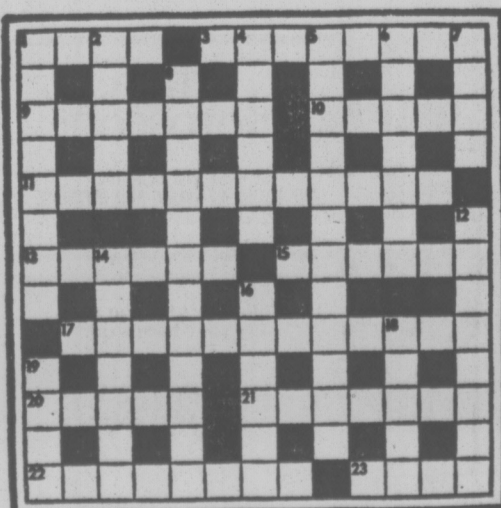
"You figure it out," Sam chuckled. "The return trip took me 45 minutes."

Well?

Thanks for idea to T. G. Scallan, Limerick, Eire.

(Answer tomorrow)

Yesterday's answer: Account number 4358717.



SOLUTION THURSDAY





**tiny  
bennett**

## Chinese-Style Economy Dish

Last week it seemed that buying fresh vegetables was quite liable to make a mess of my food budget. White cabbage was quite cheap but Savoy cabbages were not, nor rather small yellowish cauliflower.

However, I then noticed that the regular standard vegetables were economical buys — the fresh green peppers, large Spanish onions, big heads of celery and even fresh mushrooms looked good and priced a bit lower than usual.

So I decided I'd prepare a big dish of Chinese style vegetables, to go with the baked chicken I had planned for dinner that night.

At home we all adore vegetables cooked in the Chinese fashion and the idea suited me because I was really stuck for time and outside the vital necessity to carefully cut and slice the vegetables, the entire vegetable dish takes only 10 minutes to cook from start to finish.

Busy homemakers can turn this out using a commercial shake-and-bake chicken preparation and find that the stir-fry Chinese vegetables will turn it into a minor feast.

### STIR-FRY CHINESE VEGETABLE DISH

The major secret in cooking most forms of Chinese food lies in the preparation cutting. This can be done in advance of dinner time for convenience.

For my family of three, I used half the Spanish onion, three of the clean outer stalks of the celery, including all the green leaves, half of the green pepper, all of the mushrooms and the entire small can of bean sprouts. Every one of those vegetables is high in mineral and vitamin contents, while at the same time being low in calories.

On a wooden board, prepare the cleaned vegetables by slicing into thin strips with a

French knife or hatchet-type Chinese knife known as a Choy Dowh.

I take each vegetable in turn, slice them and pop them all mixed into a bowl. The can of bean sprouts should then be opened, the water drained off and the sprouts freshened in cold water from the tap. After careful draining, put into the refrigerator crisper for an hour or so.

When the chicken, fish, chops or main meat course dish is almost done, put a wok or large skillet on very high heat and pour in two table-spoons of light cooking oil, turn to thoroughly coat the bottom of the skillet and when the oil is very, very, hot, dump in all the vegetables. With a flipper, start stirring them up from the bottom so that all get the lightest coat of oil. You will be surprised just how far two table-spoons of oil will go in this cooking style.

Stir constantly for five minutes and then season with pepper, a mere smidgin of salt and two table-spoons of soy sauce. Stir well and, reducing the heat, cover.

Now dissolve one chicken cube in one cup of boiling water, add and cover again. If you do a larger amount and your pan won't hold everything, do half and half in two separate stir-fry operations. When the first batch is done, scrape into a heat-proof serving dish and keep hot, then do the second batch, add to the first and mix them well together.

Cooked this way, the vegetables are crispy and delicious in a very thin sauce which is mostly composed of the juices of the vegetables that all too often are thrown away.

Put the soy sauce on the table with the dish and if the vegetables are not salted enough, dish a little soy sauce on them to your own taste. You can, of course, also add salt to your own plate but the soy should be enough as it is very salty.

NOTE: Will the reader who phoned regarding wheat-free baking, please contact me again for sources of information?

An assortment of inexpensive, yet attractive and delicious snack foods will be acceptable for the New Year weekend, and after. The recipes offered today also add nutrition to offset oversweet and rich dishes of the past week.

**Wheat Germ Shortbread**  
1½ cups (approx.) unbleached flour  
1 tsp. wheat germ  
1 tsp. brewer's yeast  
1½ tsp. baking powder  
¼ tsp. salt  
½ cup (scant) soft margarine  
3 tsp. brown sugar  
1 egg yolk  
3 tsp. milk

Measure wheat germ and yeast powder into measuring cup; fill with unbleached

flour. Put into small bowl and add remaining ½ cup flour, baking powder and salt. Mix well with fork.

Cream margarine in larger bowl with sugar. Add dry ingredients alternately with egg yolk beaten into milk. Dough will be smooth and stiff. Chill for ½ hour (longer is alright if it suits you).

Roll out one-third at a time on waxed paper until ¼ inch thick. Cut with any shaped cookie cutters or small cup or eggcup.

The dough is easily plect together for re-shaping and cutting.

Lift the cut-outs with knife and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Decorate some with a piece of date, a nut, sesame seeds or three sunflower seeds.

Bake in fairly hot oven at 190 deg. C. for 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from pan and cool thoroughly before storing in layers between waxed paper. Makes 30 to 36 shortbreads.



Prune Bars are not only economical party snacks but delicious and nutritious school lunch-box food, so get the school-agers practising on making them during the holidays.

To cook dried prunes; soak in enough cold water to cover, in saucepan.

In same water, bring slowly to boiling point; simmer gently until fruit is plump and tender; about 15 minutes. Allow to cool with lid on.

Remove stones, using small knife and fork. Count stones and count the prunes to be sure not one has been left in.

**Prune Bars**

Base:

¼ cup soft margarine  
¼ cup brown sugar  
¼ cup finely ground raw peanuts  
¼ cup unbleached flour  
Top Batter:  
2 tsp. brown sugar  
2 small eggs  
½ cup wholewheat flour  
½ tsp. baking powder  
¼ tsp. salt  
¼ cup wheat germ  
¼ cup chopped cooked prunes

Base: cream margarine in mixing bowl with sugar. Blend in flour and nuts. Spread thinly into lightly greased one-inch deep pan 8 inches square, or a pan of similar size. Bake in moderate oven 177 deg. C. for 15 minutes. Remove from oven. Let cool partially until set, since the mixture is soft after this first cooking.

Top Batter: measure brown sugar into mixing bowl; add eggs, beat well with fork. Stir in flour sifted with baking powder and salt. Add wheat germ and chopped prunes. Stir only to blend. When base is partly cooled and set, drop this batter mixture over cooked base in small amounts until spread completely over.

Return to oven, and bake at same moderate temperature of 177 deg. C. for about 30 minutes, until browned.

Cool a little, then cut into bars. Leave in pan until cold.

before removing with wide bladed knife to prevent breaking. Turn upside down on plate for further cooling. Makes 18 bars.

Now for a pleasant change from rich fare in salads. With its apple, celery and prunes this gelatine dish will make a Sunday midday meal.

**Waldorf Gelatine Salad**

1 cup prune juice  
1 tsp. (1 envelope) plain gelatine  
¾ cup orange juice (fresh or frozen)  
¼ tsp. finely chopped onion  
½ tsp. salt  
2 tsp. sugar  
½ cup finely chopped apple  
¼ cup finely chopped celery  
1 tsp. chopped parsley or chervil  
6 or 8 whole cooked stoned prunes

Heat prune juice to near boiling. Meanwhile soften gelatine in ½ cup cold orange juice, reconstituted from frozen. Then add gelatine mix to hot prune juice to dissolve in large basin.

Blend in onion, salt, sugar;

cool until mixture begins to thicken around edges.

Meanwhile chop celery and apple, pouring remaining ¼ cup orange juice over it at once to prevent discoloring and loss of vitamin C.

Add this mixture to thickening gelatine. Pour into a 2-inch deep glass dish (or six small pyrex cups) and set in refrigerator to chill until firm.

To serve, either cut into squares or empty cup molds on salad plates with shredded green cabbage, endive, corn salad or lettuce.

Top with homemade yogurt, the whole stoned prunes and hard boiled eggs if desired.

You need only homemade wholewheat buns and maybe some cheese to round out an appetizing holiday meal.

### Birth Rate Dips

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) — Sweden's birth rate this year was the lowest since records were first kept in 1749, the Central Bureau of Statistics said Tuesday.



By LYNN and JOEL RAPP

DEAR LYNN and JOEL: I came across my daughter's old record pole with the oblong holders on the front, that accommodates three large standing packs of records. With plant poles being so popular, I decided to see if it would work. It does... beautifully. Not having any wood, I cut six pieces of heavy corrugated cardboard the same size (ten and one-half inches long and five and one-fourth inches wide). I bound the cut pieces together in sets of two, with cellophane tape and masking tape, and covered them with old wallpaper. Contact paper also works.

Having done this, I had three neat shelves that fit into the three record-holding frames on the pole. A six-inch pot sits in perfectly and trailing plants spill over the sides. The three shelves may be

used alone or houseplants can be hung from the sides. All in all, the rack will accommodate nine plants. I was really pleased with the results.

My husband caught me eyeing his beautiful swag lamp pole the other evening. He said, "No, you don't." I wonder if

he meant what I think he did! Hope your readers can put my idea to work! — Mac

DEAR MAC: Thanks for sharing your idea with us. That's what makes this column such a delight... the involvement of the readers. We'd love to hear from all of you! Happy growing!

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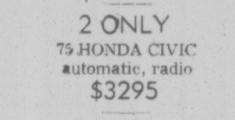
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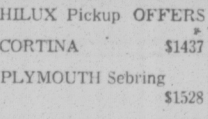
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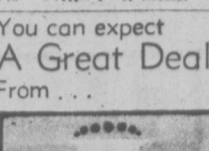
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The society has self-contained housing for older people of fixed income, located on Harriet Road.

## U.S. Ready To Support Brazil Coup

By LEWIS H. DIUGUID  
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The United States was prepared, it needed, to support militarily the Brazilian armed forces' ouster of the country's last civilian government, according to U.S. official documents recently declassified.

A U.S. naval task force with an aircraft carrier, a helicopter carrier, six destroyers and oil tankers was ordered to take positions off the Brazilian coast during the 1964 coup d'état against the leftist government of President João Goulart, the documents show.

The ships were to await orders from the U.S. ambassador of the time, Lincoln Gordon.

Gordon, who later became assistant secretary of state for Latin America, denied after the coup that United States played any role. He denied it again Tuesday in a telephone interview.

"It was a contingency never put into effect," he said. "We feared the possibility of a civil war ... and one side might need some outside help."

As a result, Gordon said, he recommended creation of the logistical force that became known in declassified military cables as "Operation Brother Sam."

The documents show that on March 27, 1964, five days before the ouster of Goulart, Gordon cabled Secretary of State Dean Rusk that the probable leader of the military taking power would be Gen. Humberto Castello Branco.

Gordon's military attaché was Gen. Vernon Walters, a close friend of Gen. Castello Branco, who became president of Brazil. Walters has acknowledged breakfasting with Castello on the morning after the coup and urging him to assume the presidency.

In the cables now made public, Gordon refers to Walters as being "very well informed." Walters retired recently.

## U.S. Costs For Sick Skyrocket

WASHINGTON — U.S. private and public spending for hospitals, drugs, physicians and other services has increased 21 per cent in the last two years — to \$128.3 billion — according to government estimates.

The \$128.3 billion was 14 per cent higher than what Americans are estimated to have spent in fiscal 1975. The total is also \$4 billion higher than what health experts were predicting a month ago would be the sum for fiscal 1976.

The increased spending — reflecting higher prices for services and greater use of them — represents an important source of pressure for adoption of a national health insurance scheme and an obstacle to enactment of such a program.

Proponents of national health insurance have pointed to the rising cost of medical care with alarm, arguing that millions of Americans are either being priced out of the market or face financial ruin if confronted with a serious or prolonged illness. But the continuing increases in medical care costs, which are roughly doubling every five years, have raised fears in Congress that federal financing of medical care will only make the increases worse.

## WINDOWS SHOT OUT

A car window and windows of two houses on Forbes and Victor Streets in Fernwood were shot out Tuesday night by someone using a pellet gun.

No one was injured. A police spokesman said a juvenile is being questioned.

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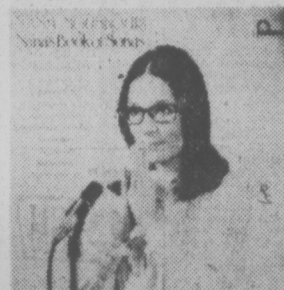
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**5.47**

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Various Artists

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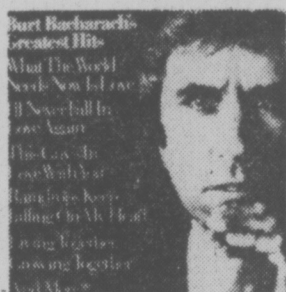
Gulf Winds,  
Joan Baez

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## INDEX JUMPS

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. government's index of leading economic indicators — which is supposed to foreshadow future economic trends — increased one per cent in November, the strongest advance in five months, the commerce department said today.

It was the second consecutive monthly increase, following three straight declines that raised concern among economic advisers for both President Gerald Ford and President-elect Jimmy Carter.

The composite index of leading indicators measures 12 key sectors of the economy. Of the 10 indicators available for November, six increased and four declined.

The index stood at 127.5, compared to the 1967 base figure of 100. It was up one per cent in November and 0.6 per cent in October. The November increase was the largest since the index rose one per cent in June.

However, the U.S. dollar slumped to its lowest rates in 15 months on some European money markets today. National bank intervention in West Germany did little to help. Against the Canadian dollar, however, the U.S. dollar was up 1-25 to \$1.0132.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Fish Set Record

SEATTLE (AP) — United States commercial fish landings this year are expected to be 5.3 billion pounds and carry a record dockside value of more than \$1 billion, the commerce department announced Tuesday.

### Bombs End Peace

BELFAST (Reuters) — Bomb explosions and gunfire Tuesday marked the end of the Irish Republican Army's Christmas ceasefire in Northern Ireland.

### Colonel Killed

BUENOS AIRES (UPI) — Terrorist snipers fired from a car assassinated army Col. Francisco Castellanos this morning as he was driving to work, military sources said.

### Boy Destroyed Inn

ANCHORAGE (AP) — An 8-year-old boy playing with matches in a hotel linen room set off a \$500,000 fire that destroyed the 41-unit inn, police say. The boy, who fled after trying to put out the fire, was not hurt.

### Violence Erupts

PEKING (Reuters) — Political unrest in the northern Chinese city of Paoing has erupted into armed conflict, including murder, rape and sabotage, reliable sources said today.

### Train Derailed

VERNON (CP) — Two engines and nine cars of a freight train were derailed early today on a Canadian National Railway line about 15 miles north of here. No injuries were reported.

### N-Bomb Tested

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An underground nuclear test was conducted Tuesday at the Nevada test site, causing a slight wobble in some tall hotels about 20 miles to the southwest.

### Murder Admitted

PARIS (Reuters) — A man has confessed to the murder of Prince Jean de Broglie, a former government minister who was shot in a Paris street Christmas eve, police sources said today. They did not name him.

## Sea...Sky...Serenity...



—Bill Halkett photo

Crisp sunshine drew cliff walkers to Dallas Road today for age-old pastime of watching what's going on in the water. Strollers could study log salvage

boat chug close to shore or peer at fishermen further out testing gear against salmon. All in all, a pleasant way to spend a day in December.

## Coffee Going Up Nickel a Cup And Don't Ask for Free Refill

### BABY BONUS JUMPS 8.2% IN JANUARY

OTTAWA (CP) — Family allowance payments during 1977 will rise by 8.2 per cent to \$23.89 a month from \$22.08 to reflect an increase in the cost of living, the health department announced today.

Announcement of the higher payment rates follows reinstatement of the cost-of-living allowance, which was suspended for one year during 1976 as an austerity measure by the federal government.

The higher rates are effective with the January payments. The rates are adjusted once a year and the same payment is made throughout the year.

The new \$23.89 monthly payment applies in most provinces and in the territories. The exceptions are Quebec and Alberta, where by provincial agreement the amounts of payments vary.

It won't be a happy new year for coffee drinkers — a nickel a cup hike is forecast along with an end to free refills.

The price of coffee beans is going up by 40 cents per pound at the wholesale level and about 45 cents retail — all before spring.

One company is boosting its wholesale price 40 cents on Jan. 3.

A world coffee shortage is blamed and the outlook is for worse to come. Brazil, the main producer, reports it will not be back in full production until 1978, after a summer frost in 1975 killed off many of its coffee trees.

Victoria Restaurant Association president Fred Oldfield says the new round of price increases will probably spell

the end of the free refill in this area.

"With the new price increases, no restaurant will be able to afford to give coffee away, except with the more expensive meals."

And, Oldfield said, customers can expect a nickel increase — at least.

"If a restaurant is charging 30 cents, it will go to 35. If it is already charging 35, it will go to 40. Those who are charging a dime for a refill will have to charge 15 cents."

"Some may start charging the full amount for refills." Some coffee wholesalers are planning to increase the price in giant steps while others are phasing them in with nickel and dime jumps on a weekly basis.

No one can afford to hold the line.

"These increased prices are genuine," one wholesaler said. "The Anti-Inflation Board wouldn't let us increase our prices if we were not passing along increased costs."

Supermarkets are expecting a rush on tea and hot chocolate in the new year as customers try to avoid the soaring price of coffee.

Some supermarkets in the U.S. have already started a publicity campaign, urging their customers to buy other hot beverages in an effort to keep coffee prices from going through the roof.

The increasing demand for coffee is exacerbating the situation. If demand subsidies, price increases would moderate.

See COFFEE Page 2

### WEATHER

Tonight: Cloudy  
Thursday: Cloudy

## Oil Price Boost Held in Check To Blunt Communists—Minister

HAMBURG (Reuters) — Saudi Arabia's oil minister said in an interview released here that fears of a Communist takeover in Italy or France figured in his country's decision to keep oil prices down.

Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani told the news magazine Der Spiegel that economic and political reasons governed Saudi Arabia's decision to increase its oil prices by five per cent instead of going along with the 15-per cent boost by other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"We were extremely worried about the economic situation of the West, worried about the possibility of a new

recession, worried about the situation in Britain, Italy, even in France and some other nations. And we do not want another regime coming to power in France or Italy."

Asked whether he meant Communists, Yamani said, "Yes," adding: "The situation in Spain is not so healthy either and the same applies to Portugal."

"Moreover, if the economic recovery does not take place, it will not only have political significance for Saudi Arabia, it will hit Saudi Arabia economically."

He said Saudi Arabia hopes the West will make concessions to the developing world at the next North-South conference in Paris.

### WORDPLAY



## Tanker Four Now Aground

SAN JUAN (UPI) — Another Liberian registered oil tanker — the fourth in two weeks — has run aground.

A U.S. Coast Guard spokesman said today the ship Dahine, which ran aground at the entrance to Guayanilla Bay on the south coast of Puerto Rico, has not spilled any oil.

It was carrying 47,160 tons of crude oil and 500 tons of bunker oil.

A spokesman for Puerto Rico's environmental quality board said the captain of the ship had been ordered not to dump any of his cargo in an effort to make the ship lighter and refloat it.

The spokesman described the order as a preventive measure to avoid a disaster similar to those in the Delaware River estuary and off Nantucket Island over the past few days.

Coast guard officials said today that although the 22-mile oil slick in the Delaware River south of Philadelphia was not as bad as first believed it posed a definite threat to wildlife and marshlands.

The oil was spilled Monday from the Liberian-registered tanker Olympic Games as it attempted to dock at a refinery in Marcus Hook, Pa. It was the third spill involving a Liberian-registered tanker in two weeks, and prompted U.S. environmental protection agency chief Russell Train to angrily call for tougher safety standards for tankers.

"The time has come for the U.S. to set more stringent standards with the number of foreign vessels coming into our water," Train said Tuesday shortly after arriving at the Delaware River spill site.

The spill will take a number of weeks to clean up because the light Arabian crude oil is more difficult to contain than the heavy industrial oil that spread off Nantucket Island, Mass., when the tanker Argo Merchant ran aground Dec. 15. In New York, George Papadopoulos, captain of the Argo Merchant, told a hearing in U.S. district court the ship's radio direction finder, a short-range navigational aid, indicated the Nantucket light ship, marking the shallow waters of the shoal, was dead ahead. He later learned the light ship was behind him.

"There had to be something wrong with the RDG or the way it was used," said Douglas Jacobson, a lawyer for Continental Insurance Co., who was questioning Papadopoulos. Continental insured the oil.

"Yes," the skipper answered. "Which was it?"

"I don't know," Papadopoulos said. "If I knew, the ship wouldn't have been stranded."

## WOMAN JOINS LIST OF HUNTED ESCAPERS

BURNABY (CP) — RCMP searching for five dangerous prisoners who escaped late Monday from the Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre (Oakalla) added another to their list of escapers Tuesday.

Jack Martin, principal officer at the Oakalla women's correctional centre adjacent to the larger men's prison, said Teresa Gloria Brewer, 19, walked away from the women's jail early in the afternoon.

Martin said Brewer, serving two years less a day for a robbery at Prince Rupert and for possession of an offensive weapon, was not considered dangerous.

He said Brewer was outside the cell area doing maintenance work under supervision on the prison grounds when she escaped.

Martin added Brewer had escaped from the jail once before.

When last seen, she was wearing a bright yellow rain jacket and blue jeans.

## S.A. Violence: 137 Are Dead

JOHANNESBURG (UPI) — At least 137 persons have been killed in South Africa in incidents of violence during the Christmas holiday period, authorities reported today.

Scores of others were injured including nine wounded when a young policeman opened fire on a truckload of black farmworkers when the driver failed to stop at a roadblock.

A senior police spokesman said the policeman wanted to investigate a report that occupants of the truck had fired shots at a farm about 40 miles northeast of Johannesburg Christmas Day. When the truck did not stop he fired three shots at it, wounding eight women and a child.

Clashes between militant blacks and African migrant workers in Cape Town's black suburbs claimed at least 26 lives and left 106 injured, police said, adding that calm had returned to the area.

But the South African consulate general in New York said 30 persons died and 133 were seriously injured in the clashes.

The consulate said police found the mutilated bodies of blacks who had been stabbed to death by iron pegs and then had their heads split open by machetes. In one incident, a child was beaten to death against a wall, it said.

Police officials in Natal province, on South Africa's east coast, today said 19 bodies were recovered after armed warriors of rival Cele and Radebe tribal factions fought a weekend battle.

Recruitment is hampered because the literacy rate among women is five per cent. In some cases, because of the need, educational requirements are ignored if a woman shows enough intelligence and ability.

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Cheques should be made payable to the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada.

## The Land Of the Young...

Nepal is a country without a senior citizens problem.

Few of its 12,020,000 people live more than 41 years because of disease and starvation.

Giving birth is no joy to a mother faced with the realization that her baby may be one of 200 in every 1,000 that die each year — 20 per cent of all the newborn.

In a desperate effort to try and change this tragic trend, the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada assists the government of Nepal improve its medical services.

But there is never enough. There are only 350 doctors in the country... one for every 34,285 persons. Paramedics are being trained but there are still only 500.

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## Britain Takes a Year-End Holiday Snooze

Washington Post

LONDON — The main arteries — Piccadilly, The Strand and Park Lane — are deserted as if the plague had struck, Victoria Station is ghostly at the commuter rush hour. Knots of bewildered French tourists wander forlornly through the heart of town, looking vainly for the animation of a holiday on the continent.

Up in Birmingham, Clifford Derbyshire has been suspended

for 10 days. He wrote a letter complaining that productivity had slumped 75 per cent in his auto bumper plant. But he won't lose much of his \$122-a-week pay. His company has taken a rest for 10 days.

Britons everywhere are shrugging off their economic woes with the longest mid-winter holiday snooze that anyone can remember. It began the Thursday before Christmas with office parties and won't really end until the Thursday after New Year's.

This has been described as a society that prefers leisure to goods, and never has that quality been so fulsomely demonstrated. Most Londoners have gone four days without mail or newspapers, apparently missing neither.

Freezing weather has added to the mood. Britain was colder than Iceland today and snow, ice and freezing winds gripped the rest of Europe — snarling road, rail and air traffic.

Ice-covered roads and freez-

ing fog blanketed areas of London and the southeast.

Frozen switches and brakes delayed trains on main lines and a landslide in Essex, blamed on the weather, cut the track from Southend to Kings Cross.

There isn't very much in British output or income to celebrate. Most of the other richer Common Market countries, moreover, went back to work Tuesday and will not take more than the weekend off for New Year's. Britons,

however, like to relax, and the calendar has collaborated with national appetite.

Over the holidays, Britons normally expect to take four weekdays off — Christmas and Boxing Day, New Year's Day and a bank holiday the day after that. But this year, the holidays fell on a weekend and threatened to deprive the country of its customary siestas.

The problem was solved for many by taking off the whole week — plus a few days before Christmas and several after New Year's.

What do Britons do with all this leisure time? The country is very big on parlor games, like charades and quizzes.

The wealthy go off to country homes: The rest of the country either watches soccer matches or sits glued in front of television sets. There are no bowl games. The big cricket match is in India, and the soccer teams are only midway through their season.

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GINNELL  
... no guilty feeling



WACHTIN  
... he had friends

Max is looking forward  
to an interesting year  
and one thing is sure:  
he'll score some points  
but get the needle  
right back from readers



Cranston ... much more than a skater

## Oak Bay Switch By LRB

By MIKE HUGHES  
Times Staff

The B.C. Labor Relations Board has reversed its earlier decision and ruled that the Canadian Union of Public Employees should represent new Oak Bay Parks and Recreation Commission employees.

The board ruled in July that whether employees at Henderson Park and the senior citizens centre were included in the inside staff bargaining unit.

The matter was dropped when Oak Bay said the issue could be resolved without the board's interference.

However, negotiations broke down and in September, 1975, CUPE applied again, this time for all employees at the several "Oak Bay recreation complexes."

Oak Bay's position at that time was that recreation commission employees should form a separate bargaining unit.

At about this time, the operating engineers were organizing certain of the maintenance staff and late in 1975 the union applied to be certified for a unit of employees described as "maintenance employees operating and servicing the physical plant and buildings."

Because of the number of applications, the board held a hearing and then ordered a representation vote.

In making its ruling, the board quoted previous decisions to show that a strong case can be made against changing a settled and existing bargaining unit.

"The units that now exist for inside and outside staff are sufficient for purposes of the conduct of collective bargaining."

"To add a third unit would constitute further fragmentation, exacerbate labor relations, and create the potential for fresh difficulties."

"We are not persuaded that there is a sufficient degree of disparity between employees in the two existing units and the new employees that no community of interest exists."

## Always Too This, Too That ... But That's Newspapering

One thing more than any others I am left to reflect on as this year draws to a close:

You can't please all the people all of the time!

But perhaps you wouldn't want to.

It has been an interesting year for me and I'm looking forward to 1977 and all the equally interesting people I will meet.

This year, I enjoyed chatting with the Lighthouse Philosopher Bill Scott, discussing the future with Technocrat Joe Gibson, visiting Habitat Forum in Vancouver, taking in the exciting sights of Toronto, meeting and then watching the fabulous skater Toller Cranston, and coming eye to eye with Gentle Ben the Beafalo, the cross between a domestic beef animal and a buffalo who restored my faith in bulls. And many others.

It has also been a year of some conflict.

My series of columns on the construction of the Trident nuclear sub base in Bangor, Washington, only 60 air miles south of Victoria, and the Pacific Life Community's battle



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against it, brought a lot of reaction.

There were letters supporting the PLC but more from readers accusing me of being anti-U.S. while tolerating the Soviet arms buildup.

My job at the Ontario-based paper Canada GunSport upset a few gun enthusiasts, and at my rather frivolous suggestion from the magazine (which carries ads for all the things we all order arms by kinds of military-style weap-

ons) and polish off the politicians we don't like, GunSport editor and publisher Ted Dentay blew his cannon.

That, said the humorless Dentay, was giving criminal counsel. Then he added hastily, in an almost full-page attack on me in GunSport, my column had backfired because since it appeared gun sales on Vancouver Island and subscriptions to his paper had boomed!

There were many other reactions.

My profile on Pat Ginnell, Cougar owner and coach during a time of incidents of violence in junior hockey, brought charges that I "support this kind of thing." I don't.

A recent column on the plight of 18-year-old Janice Zale, sentenced to four years in the maximum security Kingston Penitentiary on her first drug-related offence, brought a hostile phone call from a Victoria man who said his son died because of heroin.

Some readers felt I was too kind to Victoria lawyer Doug

Christie, who is founder and chairman of the committee for Western Independence.

"You did not pick him up on some points which he glossed over," said one writer.

No sir. Perhaps I didn't. But that doesn't mean I agree with all he said. I don't. I was merely telling his story. And sometimes it is far too easy to poke fun at people who take a different stand and dismiss them as cranks. Sometimes it's better to tell it straight.

Even my attempt to be light and amusing at Christmas time backfired when at least one man became upset at the column on the lack of Yuletide spirit in parking meter men.

"I have," the reader promptly announced in a letter to the Editor, "a can in my back yard with similar content."

Marvellous, that bit! And they all show, these reactions, that people are reading and caring enough to bother to phone or to write whether for or against. And that's good. Keep them coming!

The people you meet each

## It's AIB New Year —Watch Balloons Pop

Like most things, the price of celebrating New Year's Eve is up this year.

But for hundreds of Victoria residents, the only thought of anti-inflation principles seems to be a determination to pop as many party balloons as possible.

Almost all restaurants, night clubs and hotels today reported heavy bookings for their New Year's Eve festivities.

Price has been no deterrent at all in the most expensive place in town, the Empress Hotel, where the dinner-dances in both the dining

room and ballroom—at \$30 per person—are already sold out.

"And we have a long waiting list," said public relations officer Dorothy Cook.

But the hotel's basement discotheque, Tiffany's, is still taking reservations for its \$60-a-head dance, where food isn't included.

For those attending either of the two dinner-dance affairs, the hotel offers a cut-price double room for \$15, making the grand total \$75 for a night's revelry.

At the Royal Oak Inn in Saanich the tab for the New Year's dinner-dance is \$45

per couple, cheaper than The Empress, but overnight accommodation and brunch the next day pushes the bill up to the same \$75 level.

A Royal Oak spokesman said there are only "four or five" double tickets left.

Up to 500 guests are expected at the Stardust Cabaret, where the \$30 per couple charge includes hot and cold buffet, dancing to 2 a.m. and party favors.

At the Old Forge and Red Lion night spots the cost is \$15 per couple, but that doesn't include a meal. "Dress appropriately please," is the request from the Red Lion.

## ASK THE TIMES

Q. I have quite a number of paperback books in good condition—a lot of them by Ayn Rand. Christie—that I would like to pass on to men on ships. Whom would I get in touch with?—C.C.

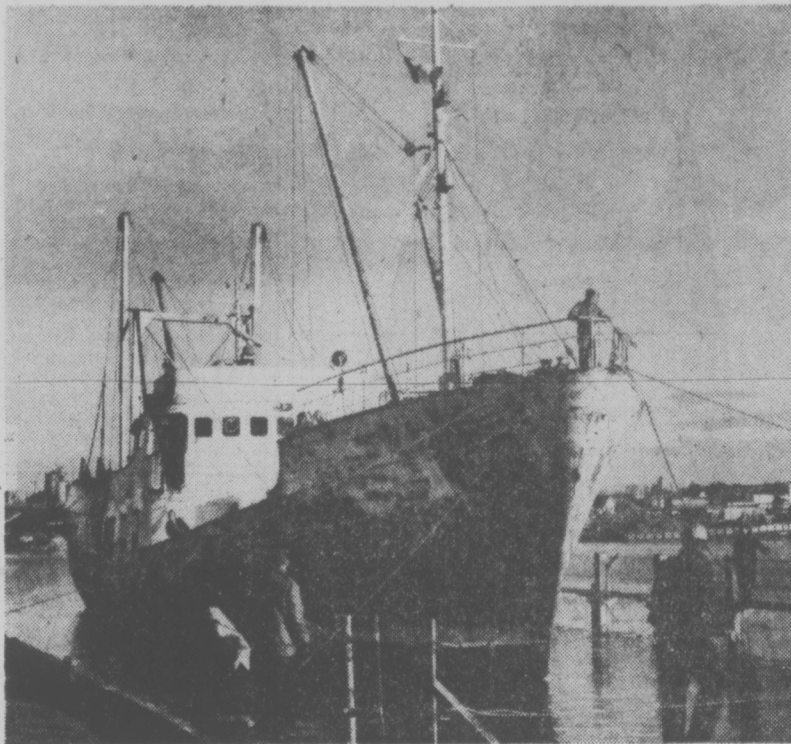
A. You could send or deliver the books to the Stores Manager, Ministry of Trans-

port, 203 Harbor, marked for weatherships or lightkeepers. Magazines are also welcome to help pass off-watch time during a weather ship's seven-week stint on Station P.

Q. Can you tell me why the leaves on some oak trees (in the same yard) don't fall until

a long time after all the rest?—L.F.

A. The Pacific Forest Research Centre says it depends on the growth or stage of growth of the tree. Young growth tends to hold leaves longer. That's the main cause but nutrients and exposure also have a bearing.



## She's Known Better Days

Once the plaything of dime-store helpess Barbara Hutton, the 139-foot rusted dragger Norango went up on the ways for work at Scaspan here today. The Norango began her career in 1959 as the Sea Search. She was built for \$250,000 in Aberdeen, Scotland. Several years ago she sank in the Queen Charlotte. Owned by Gerry Halliday of Nanaimo, she was raised and refitted at Cowichan Bay, and now earns her keep as a commercial dragger.

## Police Cars Take Beating

Central Saanich police mobility was reduced by 50 per cent after one of the force's two cars was in an accident Tuesday afternoon.

A police spokesman said Const. James Earl was on patrol when his cruiser was in collision with a car at Central Saanich and Mount Newton Crossroad at 4 p.m.

Neither Earl nor the driver of the other car, Bert Underwood, were injured but police estimate damage to the vehicles at about \$2,000 each.

The accident was the third since Monday involving Greater Victoria police cars.

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, a Colwood RCMP car driven by Constable Mariene Collins was in collision with a car at Goldstream and Millstream.

Police said Collins was taking a prisoner to the city lock-up at the time.

The unidentified prisoner and the driver of the other car, Douglas William Pelkey, 27, of 2865 Knott's Pine, received minor cuts and scrapes.

Damage to the police car was estimated at \$500; to Pelkey's vehicle, \$800.

On Monday, Saanich police Constable Robert Love suffered bruised ribs when his cruiser collided with a car at Richmond and Woodley Road.

In other area accidents, three persons received minor injuries when two cars collided at Pat Bay Highway and McDonald Park Road Thursday afternoon.

Sidney RCMP identified the driver of one of the cars as Mrs. Grace Guthbert, 70, of 2040 White Birch Road.

The name of the driver of the other car was not available.

## LOCAL SHIP MOVEMENTS

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT**  
Camsell and Racer in refit. Douglas in the Fraser River, Vancouver in port. Ready in Gulf Islands patrol area. Quadra on Station Papa. Rider at Kispiox.

**MARINE SCIENCES**  
Parizeau in Requinault; Pandora II, Vector and Richardson at Pat Bay.

## February Phenomenon: The Great Hawaii Hang-Up

By AL FORREST  
Times Staff

Out of the thousands of phone calls I made during 1976, I have five favorites.

They stand out for any number of reasons. One would make a Wompe's Libbers squeal. Another was good for a laugh. A third made me shiver in envy.

From a professional viewpoint, the favorite calls are those that begin: "Do you want a line story?"

Or the prominent politician

who stops in the middle of an interview and says "I'm not supposed to tell you this but ... and another headline is born."

But the calls that are remembered at year's end are the unusual ones.

For example, last February in trying to get reaction from businessmen about some government pronouncement a series of six calls were made early one Friday afternoon.

Four of the six businessmen were out of town, one in Ari-

zona and the other three in Hawaii.

The fifth businessman said "No, I'm not in Hawaii but I wish I was. I just got back."

But the topper was the sixth call. "Well, I'll comment," he said. "But would you please make it fast. I'm knocking off early this afternoon because I'm flying to Hawaii tomorrow."

A reporter who has had to scrape the ice off his windshield and drive slowly to keep from skidding can't help

but remember a call like that. But still it ranks only in fifth place among the memorable calls during 1976.

In fourth place was the call to Ottawa to reach a cabinet minister only to have a secretary answer in French. When the B.C. operator asked the secretary to repeat her message in English it was repeated in French.

The operator tried a third time, again with no English translation.

The B.C. operator finally

gave up, saying, "I'm sorry, sir, I only took French for two years and I never got better than C minus. I haven't got a clue what she's trying to tell me."

A rather bizarre episode, but still only in fourth place among the year's memorable calls.

In third place was a secretary in Vancouver who said her employer was already out to lunch and wouldn't be back until 1:30 p.m.

"What time will that be in

Victoria?" she asked. Many Vancouverites believe we live in a different world over here but most of them are aware we are in the same time zone.

In second place was a call that confirmed the suspicions many people have of the civil service.

A government employee was giving out data when he was asked for the significance of an unusual increase in one area.

"Well," he said, "I think

that ... oops, I almost forgot. I'm not supposed to think."

In first place by a country mile was the call to a business office trying to reach the president. He wasn't there nor was the vice-president. In addition, the major department heads were all attending some conference.

"I'm sorry, sir," a secretary said. "There's nobody here who knows anything. There's just a bunch of women here."

A memorable call.



